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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres hands over his identification card to a staff of the Commonwealth Election Commission to vote at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Thursday afternoon. Behind the governor is first lady Diann Tudela Torres.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his wife, Wella Palacios, fill up a form inside the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, where they cast their votes Friday morning. Palacios is running for governor under a unified independent team.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Early votes in for 3 gubernatorial bets

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REPORTER

» Big turnout on Citizenship Day as 931 voted on Saipan, 53 on Tinian, 41 on Rota

All three gubernatorial candidates—Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios, and Rep. Christina "Tina" Sablan (D-Saipan)—have availed of the early voting period and have now cast their respective votes, a break from the previous political tradition of gubernatorial candidates voting on Election Day itself.

Palacios and Sablan cast their votes Friday, which was Citizenship Day in the CNMI—a local holiday—and was also the fourth day of

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Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) smiles as she awaits her turn to cast her vote at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Friday morning. Sablan is running for governor under the Democratic Party.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Manglona confirmed as CEC commissioner

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REPORTER

The full Senate confirmed Thursday afternoon the nomination of fire inspector Jonathan Christopher A. Manglona as a commissioner of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing Tinian and Aguiguan.

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N. Korea fires more missiles as US flies bombers over South

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea added to its recent barrage of

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Local

'Stop spreading false information about governor'

The Office of the Governor has issued a statement that slams what it said is the continued dissemination of false information about Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' water account despite a legislative investigation showing that no malfeasance happened.

The statement, issued Friday, urges the public to refrain from disseminating false information about the issue.

According to the statement: "We have received information that members of the public continue to be misinformed about Gov. Torres' [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] Account No. 82273. CUC had conducted its due diligence and made its determination. The investigation revealed that there has been no theft and all water consumptions were reconciled, billed, and settled accordingly. These facts were stated at the legislative hearings. To be clear, the governor's account has been applied consistent with Commonwealth Law." ***(PR)***

Torres says he may proceed with SOCA after election

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said Thursday that he may proceed with his State of the Commonwealth Address after the Nov. 8 general election.

Torres said that, based on the CNMI Constitution, he does not need to call for a joint legislative session to deliver his SOCA, whether both houses agree or not.

He said the House majority members were complaining they were not invited to his original schedule SOCA date of Oct. 21.

The governor said that, in deference to protocol, he wrote House of Representatives Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) and Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), CNMI Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, and Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja about the SOCA and asking them to disseminate the information.

He said as the House majority members were complaining that they were not invited, he cancelled the Nov. 21 and reset it to Oct. 31.

"Again, they didn't want to do it. They didn't want to hear it before the election. And they said, it's politicized. That was not their original complaint. Their original complaint was they were not invited," Torres said.

The governor said when he invited both the Senate and House members to attend the SOCA on Oct. 31, the Senate agreed with that date, but the House majority wanted to hold

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) concession granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport ("Car Rental Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of eighteen (18) months (contract to end on 05/31/2024) upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-011-22 is **October 12, 2022**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 2022**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of $100.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

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Sablan: Education on 'touchback' rule continues

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REPORTER

As the impending exodus of hundreds of foreign workers in the CNMI nears, CNMI stakeholders are scrambling to educate members of the U.S. Congress on the detrimental impact the looming "touchback" requirement would have on the CNMI's recovering economy.

According to Alex Sablan, who is a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services prepares to implement the " touchback" provision that would result in the exodus of hundreds of CW-1 workers next year, the GCEA is still hopeful that through open conversations and data, they, in tandem with Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP), can educate members of the U.S. Congress about the harmful effects this rule would have on the CNMI as a whole.

Touchback refers to a U.S. immigration rule that requires a holder of a work visa to exit the U.S. after three consecutive approvals of his or her work visa and wait outside the U.S. while his new work visa is being processed.

"We have new staffers for new congressmen, new senators…there's always a revolving door of staffers and so we're always having to go in and educate. We're educating the Senate side of the equation for Energy and the Natural Resources. We're hopeful that we can continue this dialogue with Congressman Kilili so he can be our champion for legislation—legislation that strikes a balance," he said.

Sablan explained that the exodus of foreign workers in the CNMI—technically called CNMI-Only Transitional workers or CW-1s—is not the only issue with the impending touchback, but the purpose of the provision, which was purposely created to weed out repeat CW-1 visa holders until the conclusion of the program in 2029.

"Touchback is a sensitive issue at the end of the day. It's like the H2-B: You have two sessions of three years under H2-B and that individual does not return to the United States workforce. …So in relation to that, that's sort of what we had been told [by USCIS] is 'Listen, we've put this provision in because we don't want to continue to perpetuate individuals returning back into the program.' Basically, look for another individual, or find another worker, or focus on a U.S. citizen workforce," Sablan said.

However, the CNMI economy does not have the numbers to operate solely off a U.S. citizen workforce, as much as it would like to, and that is what GCEA is striving to educate members of the U.S. Congress on.

"The backbone of this economy is small businesses and they don't have the continuity to lose one or two people for any given time. So that's what we're trying to explain is that we wish we had the numbers we needed for U.S. citizen workforce, but we don't. That's why CW-1 workers are required, especially for the small businesses that can't fill that void, with, again, service industry positions that aren't necessarily being filled by U.S. citizen workforce. And that's predominantly the same way across the United States," he said.

As of last week, USCIS issued an advisory on the impending touchback provision that could possibly give hundreds of CW-1 workers an extra year before they are required to leave the Marianas.

Previously, a worker approved on or after June 18, 2020, for a one-year CW-1 validity period was eligible for two more consecutive petition validity periods. So, touchback would be required at the end of the 2023 validity period. In its announcement last week, USCIS has now refined that policy to cover petitions granted on or after June 18, 2020, that also had a starting validity date on or after that date. This effectively means that for some workers, touchback would not be required until the end of the 2024 petition, an extra year.

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Superior Court unveils new e-recording service platform

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REPORTER

The CNMI Superior Court has officially launched its new electronic recording services platform following an unveiling ceremony last Thursday at the Guma Hustisia in Susupe.

Community stakeholders joined the Superior Court in an unveiling ceremony of its new electronic recording services platform that would essentially provide you the basic services offered by the Superior Court Recorder's Office at the convenience of your home or office, and at any time of the day.

The project was a collaboration between the Commonwealth Recorders Office within the Superior Court, TriMin Systems, Inc., and Turnkey Solutions LLC.

According to Commonwealth recorder Kelsey Aldan, the new platform, which was in the works since around April this year, is extremely important because it streamlines the process for individuals to record their documents.

"It also provides that extra security of having all of them digitized already and when we launch the research application, it will provide customers with a powerful tool to be able to research all those documents with any information on those documents," she said. Right now the research application hasn't been launched yet. "It's part of the second phase of our platform," she said.

Aside from the convenience of the platform for the public, it is also the first electronic recording platform in the Marianas, putting the CNMI ahead of Guam.

"I think it's very exciting because not even Guam has this electronic recording platform. We're the first in the Marianas to do something like this, so that's pretty exciting. I'm just hoping that we can ease the customers into the transition to a digital platform. But, if they need help, that's what we're here for," Aldan said.

Documents that you can record on the platform include marriages, land documents, and more.

The fees for recording your documents will be listed on the platform after you have registered and before you submit your digital documents.

In a comment from William Grow II, Turnkey Systems managing partner, he said the platform is all about convenience—for the consumer, for the CNMI recorder, and for the Judiciary as a whole.

"We're excited about providing this for the public. Anybody can now submit documents online 24/7. You can be traveling, you don't have to be here in the CNMI. You can be in the comfort of your home, it can be at two in the morning, 12pm, really, it's convenience. We're looking for convenience for our consumers and for the judiciary," said Grow.

Saipan Tribune also spoke with individuals who use the service and they stated that, after test driving the platform, they can say that it has made their jobs much easier.

According to Maria Calma of Security Title Inc., the platform has proven to be convenient for her company as they no longer are bound by regular working hours when it comes to recording documents.

"Our time to file our documents is not limited to 8am to 12am anymore. Now we can just file after 12. Also, the turnaround is very good because it's faster [based on] our experience right now," she said.

Security Title Inc., deals with land titles, escrow, title closing transactions, and they help attorneys with probate cases in terms of properties being disputed by determining landownership, and more.

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the seven-day early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Torres and his running mate voted last Thursday.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol said Friday that there was a big turnout on Citizenship Day, with 931 voting at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Saipan, 53 on Tinian, and 41 on Rota.

Palacios arrived at the multi-purpose center past 10am, accompanied by his wife, Wella, some supporters, family members, and friends,.

Palacios' running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, was not with the lieutenant governor. Palacios and Apatang are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under a unified independent team.

After about 30 minutes later, Sablan and her running mate, Rep. Leila Haveia F. Staffler (D-Saipan), also arrived at the multi-purpose center, accompanied by the CNMI's first governor, Carlos Camacho, Democratic Party officials, family members, and supporters.

Sablan and Staffler are gunning for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under the Democratic Party. They are the first two women in CNMI history who are seeking the top executive positions in the government.

Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), voted at the multi-purpose center last Thursday afternoon, which was the third day of the seven-day early voting. Torres and Sen. Sablan are the Republican Party's bets for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Commonwealth Election Commission election register clerk Christina K. Norita gives back to Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan) his identification card before allowing the latter to proceed inside to vote at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Thursday afternoon.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Rep. Leila Haveia F. Staffler (D-Saipan) flashes the No. 1 sign as she arrives at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe to cast her vote Friday morning. Staffler is Rep. Christina E. Sablan's running mate in the Nov. 8 general election.

Torres and Vinnie Sablan were accompanied by their respective spouses, siblings, family members, Republican Party officials and supporters, and some Cabinet members.

Last Friday, Palacios said that he, Apatang, and their team feel good going into the Nov. 8 Election Day and that they continue to work hard even on that day (Friday).

"It's been a long year," said Palacios, adding that the finish line is in sight so they are going to give it all they have.

When asked about Apatang, Palacios said his running mate is going to vote with his family later that day or on Saturday.

Palacios conceded the strong possibility of having a runoff election, saying that, as much as they want to just get the matter done in one shot, the probability is there is going to be a runoff. "We're shooting for No. 1. But at the end of the day, there are two that [will] go for [runoff race] two weeks later," he said.

The CEC will hold a runoff election if no gubernatorial candidate gets more than 50%—or more than half—of the total votes cast and counted.

Palacios said they already have plans for the eventuality of a runoff election.

Reiterating their campaign slogan of "Rebuilding Trust," Palacios said so many things that have happened in the Commonwealth in the past two years, relative to people's confidence and people's trust despite the many resources and the many opportunities that have been given to the CNMI. "It's really the behavior of some of our elected leaders that has come into question," he said.

Palacios said what the Commonwealth needs is leadership and leaders that will, at the very least, adhere to the rules, laws, regulations, statutes, and Constitution. "There shouldn't be any room for bending those statutes, laws. That should be the most fundamental behavior, whether you are a governor, or you are a legislator, or you're a member of the municipal council. There is a certain inherent trust that is given to you when you get elected," he said.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

MANGLONA

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During a Senate session held at the Tinian Courthouse, all nine senators unanimously adopted the report of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations that recommended confirming Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' appointment of Manglona to the CEC.

Before the voting, committee chair Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian) said they examined all pertinent documents relating to the appointment of Manglona's overall credentials to serve on the CEC. Cruz said they received 10 oral and one written testimonies in support of Manglona's appointment. He said there were no written or oral testimonies in opposition.

"Based on the overall assessment of Mr. Manglona's credentials, experiences, testimonies, goals for the agency, and other relevant issues considered, the committee is convinced that Mr. Manglona has the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve on the Commonwealth Election Commission," the senator said.

Saipan Tribune learned that after the session, Manglona took his oath of office before Torres, who had attended the session.

Before Manglona's confirmation, the CEC had six commissioners. Five commissioners are needed to have a quorum.

Manglona attended the CEC board meeting on Friday.

During the confirmation hearing before the committee Thursday morning, CEC chair Jesus I. Sablan underscored the importance of having seven commissioners so as not to jeopardize the Nov. 8 general election.

Sablan said if one commissioner leaves the CNMI, it will come down to just five board members present.

The chairman said if commissioner John Attao, who is representing Tinian and Aguiguan, will not make it to Election Day for a meeting, then the election will be jeopardized.

N. KOREA

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weapons demonstrations by launching four ballistic missiles into the sea on Saturday, as the United States sent two supersonic bombers streaking over South Korea in a dueling display of military might that underscored rising tensions in the region.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said that the four short-range missiles fired from a North Korean western coastal area around noon flew about 130 kilometers (80 miles) toward the country's western sea.

The North has test-fired more than 30 missiles this week, including an intercontinental ballistic missile on Thursday that triggered evacuation alerts in northern Japan, and flew large numbers of warplanes inside its territory in an angry reaction to a massive combined aerial exercise between the United States and South Korea.

The South Korean military said two B-1B bombers trained with four U.S. F-16 fighter jets and four South Korean F-35 jets during the last day of the "Vigilant Storm" joint air force drills that wraps up Saturday. It marked the first time since December 2017 that the bombers were deployed to the Korean Peninsula. The exercise involved around 240 warplanes, including advanced F-35 fighter jets from both countries.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry late Friday described the country's military actions this week as an appropriate response to the exercise, which it called a display of U.S. "military confrontation hysteria." It said North Korea will respond with the "toughest counteraction" to any attempts by "hostile forces" to infringe on its sovereignty or security interests.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the participation of the B-1Bs in the joint drills demonstrated the allies' readiness to "sternly respond" to North Korean provocations and the U.S. commitment to defend its ally with the full range of its military capabilities, including nuclear.

B-1B flyovers had been a familiar show of force during past periods of tensions with North Korea, including the North's provocative run in nuclear and long-range missile tests in 2017. But the flyovers had been halted in recent years as the United States and South Korea stopped their large-scale exercises to support the former Trump administration's diplomatic efforts with North Korea and because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The allies resumed their large-scale training this year after North Korea dialed up its weapons testing to a record pace, exploiting a divide in the U.N. Security Council over Russia's war on Ukraine as a window to accelerate arms development.

North Korea hates such displays of American military might at close range. The North has continued to describe the B-1B as a "nuclear strategic bomber" although the plane was switched to conventional weaponry in the mid-1990s.

TORRES

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a joint session on Dec. 1.

Torres said he wanted to give opportunity to both houses so that the people can come and hear the State of the Commonwealth.

"So it's an impasse, so I decided to go ahead and postponed it to another time," he said.

Cantor meets with presidents of the Marshall Islands and FSM

U.S. Department of the Interior assistant secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor has now completed courtesy visits to all three of the freely associated states since being sworn into office.

While on travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and to the Federated States of Micronesia last week, she met with RMI President David Kabua and FSM President David Panuelo. Cantor took the opportunity to affirm for the respective leaders the United States' ongoing commitment under the Compact of Free Association and the strong bilateral relationships.

"Nothing can replace engaging face to face with the people in the Marshall Islands. I was pleased to have made my first visit and meet their leadership," said Cantor.

Following the visit to Majuro in the Marshall Islands, Cantor traveled to the FSM.

"Going to Pohnpei was like going home for me," said Cantor. "I look forward to working with both the FSM and RMI governments in my new capacity as assistant secretary and as chair of the Joint Economic Committees to support the effective use of Compact funding."

Cantor chaired a meeting of the Joint Economic Financial and Accountability Committee Meeting while in Majuro in the Marshall Islands and chaired a meeting of the Joint Economic Management Committee while in Pohnpei in the FSM. With this trip, Cantor has now completed travel to each of the three freely associated states, each of which have an important relationship with the United States under their respective Compact of Free Association. ***(DOI)***

Cash prizes up for grabs in Mini Christmas Village contest

Cash prizes of $2,000 for first place, $1,500 for second place, and $1,000 for third place are being offered for the top entries of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Mini Christmas Village at Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan.

Entry is free, and participants will be provided a 4'x4' wooden structure to decorate. Slots will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information or an application, contact MVA Community Projects specialist Jack Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or 664-3200/1. ***(MVA)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

- PROBATE CASE
- NO. 22-0248

IN MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RYUJI CHIKU, Deceased.

- **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO PROBATE and NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
- Date: Thu, Dec. 1, 2022
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE RYUJI CHIKU OR OF HIS ESTATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Marylyn J. Camacho, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of RYUJI CHIKU, "Decedent". The attorney for Petitioner is Vincent J. Seman, Esq., whose address is JET Building, Suite 204, Chalan Pale Arnold, Gualo Rai, PO Box 10001 PMB 168, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition to probate the Estate of Decedent by Petitioner is scheduled to be heard on Thursday at December 1st, 2022, at Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to VINCENT J. SEMAN, Esq. at his address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2022

By: /s/
Clerk of Court

Application Deadline: December 9, 2022

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NMC RFP 23-003

Construction of the New Student Center for the Northern Marianas College

The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) office, Northern Marianas College, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the Construction of the New NMC Student Center. The RFP package will be available electronically on Monday, November 7, 2022. Interested proposers can email rfp23-003@marianas.edu. A non-refundable payment of one hundred dollars ($100.00) is required to obtain the electronic RFP Package.

Mandatory Preproposal Conference is scheduled on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 10:00am at the NMC Board of Regents Conference Room, Saipan Campus. Proposal Packages are due no later than **10:00 a.m., Friday, January 6, 2023, Chamorro Standard Time**, at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. P, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local vendors in this procurement.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than Friday, December 2, 2022 at 4:00pm(ChST) to Christina Cruz, Interim Procurement Manager, christina.cruz@marianas.edu or rfp23-003@marianas.edu.

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NOTICE TO ADJACENT LANDOWNERS ALONG THE ROUTE 33 BEACH ROAD FROM AK TOYOTA TO AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK

(This notice is paid by NMHC with HUD Funds.)

CRM APPLICATION NO: SMS-2022-062
PROJECT: ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD) PHASE 3 & 4 REPAIR PROJECT
APPLICANT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

The Department of Public Works (DPW), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBR-DR) is proposing to repair the roads along Route 33 (Beach Road) on the Northwestern side of Saipan.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Beach Road Phase 3 & 4 is approximately 16,323 feet or 3.09 miles that stretches from former MVA office Station 185+50 to American Memorial Park (Station 348+73). The main objectives of the Department of Public Works (DPW) are to build the road safer for motorist by road repair, anti-skid overlay and installation of new pavement markers.

The scope of work encompasses asphalt pavement reconditioning on the affected areas that are identified showing base failure will be repaired by removing, excavating, backfilling basecourse 8-inch thick and paving with new 3-inch thick asphalt within the 3.09 miles.

Overlay Dense Graded Anti-skid Pavement 1-inch thick from AK Toyota Intersection to the American Memorial Park on top of the repaired asphalt pavement. Drainage infiltrators and catch basin at near star water company. Adjustment of water and sewer manholes to match with the new grade elevation. Installation of new pavement markers on the new pavement overlay.

Written comments can be submitted by mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, sent by fax to 664-8315, or emailed to permitting@dcrm.gov.mp. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Route 33 Road Repair project.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary
Department of Public Works

PROPOSED ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD), PHASE 3 & 4 REPAIR
Total Length = 3.09 miles

Covid-19 crippled a lot of dreams and businesses.

BOOST PROGRAM stimulus package revitalizes commerce and industry across CNMI

Small Businesses The Hut and Cha Cafe, along with Non-Profit Organization Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, receive their BOOST Grants, awarded by the Honorable Governor Ralph DLG Torres, on Friday November 4th at the BOOST Mix & Sip Social Networking Event.

BOOST Program is the acronym for - **B**uilding **O**ptimism, **O**pportunities and **S**tability **T**ogether. It is a financial assistance in the form of Grants – initiated by the Office of the Governor, Department of Commerce, and Department of Finance – provided to local businesses and non-profits, as well as coaching and training programs to support their viability and help create employment opportunities. The program also supports the Commonwealth government's goal of diversifying the economy and increasing tax revenues.

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Shrinking airplane seats will become safety hazards unless the FAA acts

Recent social media posts by a conservative political commentator raging about being "wedged between two obese people" on a three-hour flight from New York to Dallas were tasteless.

But she wasn't wrong, or alone, in complaining about a lack of personal space on U.S. airplanes these days.

More than 25,000 Americans have responded to the Federal Aviation Administration's request for comment to "assist the agency" in deciding whether minimum seat dimensions should be mandated in the name of safety. The 90-day public comment period ended Tuesday.

We didn't read all the submissions, but every one we randomly chose complained about being crammed, jammed, squeezed or squished into ever-shrinking airplane seats no longer suitable for ever-enlarging American adults. They said it's time for the FAA to help, and we agree.

Many of them worried that being packed together like sardines would make it harder to evacuate in an emergency. One seasoned traveler and mother said she told her children that "they would have to feel OK leaping over rows of seats instead of exiting along an aisle because a passenger was literally wedged into an aisle seat blocking our egress."

Even more disturbing, the wife of a disabled man was concerned about her husband's ability to evacuate because he would have to reattach his prosthetic legs, which he has to remove because of limited leg room.

FlyersRights, a passenger advocacy group, said that 40 years ago seat widths in typical economy cabins were between 19 and 21 inches; now they're between 16.5 and 18 inches. The seat "pitch"—the distance between the back of one seat and the back of the one behind it—was between 31 and 35 inches; now that space has shrunk to 30-32 inches.

What's more, we're getting bigger. Since 1960, the weight of the average American man over 20 has increased by 33 pounds to just under 200 pounds in 2018, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The average woman weighs 171 pounds, or 31 pounds more than in the '60s.

FlyersRights wants the FAA to mandate a minimum seat width of 20.1 inches and a pitch of 32.1 inches. It says other businesses like movie theaters and sports venues have increased the size of their seats, while airlines have reduced theirs.

The airline industry has defended its actions, saying it has followed FAA standards. But amid passenger outcry, Congress passed the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 directing the agency to issue new rules on seat sizes "as necessary" for the safety of passengers.

The agency in 2021 conducted evacuation tests and found that 99% of passengers in seats even with narrow, 28-inch pitches could be safely evacuated. Still, its final re-

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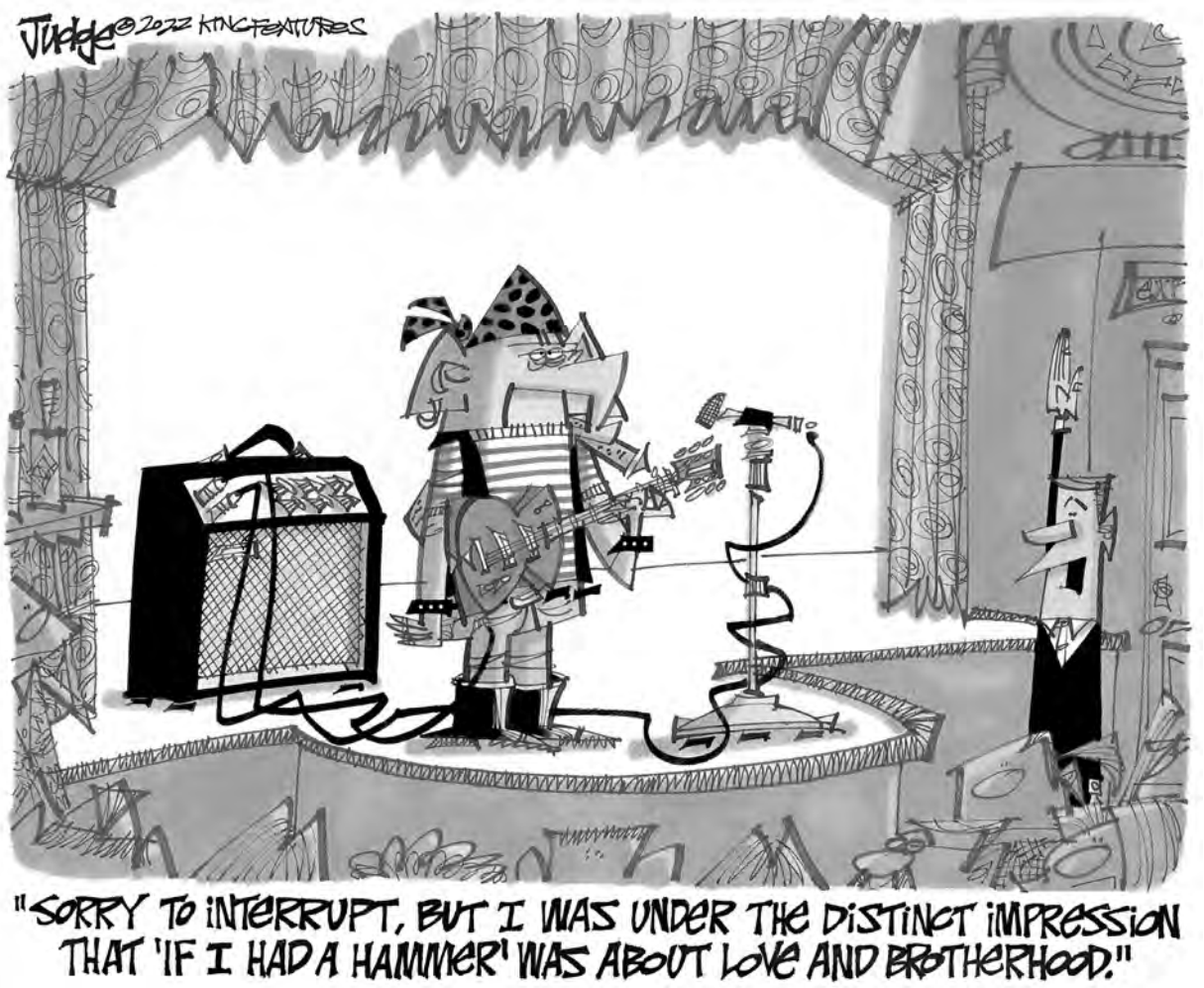
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"SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT I WAS UNDER THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT 'IF I HAD A HAMMER' WAS ABOUT LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD."

Netanyahu's return to power with a coalition of racists is appalling. But Israel's problem runs deeper

By DAVID N. MYERS and DANIEL SOKATCH
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The apparent return of Benjamin Netanyahu to power in Israel is a gut punch to people concerned about the state of democracy and the rule of law in the world. Netanyahu has been a key pillar in the global movement of illiberal leaders who have taken control and altered the rules of the democratic game—including in Turkey, Hungary and the United States in the Trump era.

During his 12 years in power from 2009 to 2021, Netanyahu lashed out at the media and political enemies, consistently attacked the Israeli judiciary (while under indictment and on trial), and promoted a version of majoritarianism intended to enshrine Jewish supremacy as a constitutional principle.

And now, in his new term as prime minister, he will sit in a government with Itamar Ben-Gvir, the avowed disciple of the hate-filled racist Meir Kahane, and Bezalel Smotrich, a rabidly anti-LGBTQ rabble-rouser. The fact that Netanyahu, together with these allies, will form a government with as many as 65 seats in the Knesset represents not an aberration but the clear will of the people.

A majority of Israel's Jewish population—about 62%—identifies as right-wing, which is a sharp increase from 46% in 2019. Especially depressing is that young Israeli Jews (70%) are more right-wing than older Israeli Jews. Ben-Gvir received a rapturous reception from young Israeli Jews across the country, including in reliably liberal Tel Aviv. And this was not the result of external forces such as a war or a third intifada. Instead, it reflects sustained political efforts to promote a doctrine of Jewish supremacy—and larger global right-leaning populist trends.

In Israel, as in many countries around the world, the very idea of Western-style liberal democracy is under assault by those who—like Viktor Orban in Hungary, Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Turkey, Narenda Modi in India, Giorgia Meloni in Italy and, of course, Donald Trump—champion the idea of "illiberal democracy," in which the majority rules with little or no consideration for the rights of minorities or the rule of law. It is easy to despair in the face of the success of these politicians and their many millions of supporters.

To many in the U.S. who have committed much time and effort to supporting a progressive vision of Israel, this is a day of reckoning.

Israel is not what our parents and grandparents imagined it could be—a workable balance of a haven for Jews and an enlightened, egalitarian society. The problem was not born with the latest election nor in the Netanyahu era more generally. It runs much deeper. Israel has maintained an illegal and immoral occupation of Palestinian land since 1967. And it has never reconciled its self-definition as a Jewish state with its professed desire to offer full equality to all its citizens, especially its large Arab minority, which makes up a fifth of the population.

As an antidote to paralysis, it is important to recognize that this week's election results, like all election results, are transitory—a snapshot in time, not a final destination. Even in the Israeli case, it turns out that just shy of 50% voted against the Netanyahu coalition. Despite the growing right-wing tendencies of Israeli Jews, the outcome could well have been different had a number of small parties on the left joined forces to pass the minimum threshold of votes. But the path forward will require a new approach to Israeli politics—and in fact, a new vision of Israel, one that rests on the principle of Arab-Jewish partnership.

The Israel of the future must turn away from the ugly face of Jewish supremacy that is ascendant today. This means that although Israel can and should remain a homeland for Jews, it must not be, as the 2019 Nation-State Law declared, exclusively so. It also must be a homeland for Palestinians who have lived in the land for centuries. In addition, it must acknowledge the searing pain of displacement and exile that Israel's establishment brought upon Palestinians in 1948, as well as the ongoing dehumanization of the occupation that began in 1967. And it must commit to full political, social and economic enfranchisement of Arab citizens of the country.

It is almost forgotten that the last government formed in Israel last year included an Arab party as part of the coalition—the first time an independent Arab party did so in Israel's history. This kind of event must become the norm rather than the exception. This will require crafting out of the detritus of the collapsed left and center-left in Israel a new political partnership based not on the self-interest of Jews or Arabs but the shared future of both. This is an ideal that all who care about the well-being of that sacred and cursed land should support.

In the meantime, we can no longer sugarcoat an unacceptable reality. Jews in this country, and particularly Jewish communal

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Pastoral letter

By RYAN P. JIMENEZ, D.D.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Most Rev. Ryan P. Jimenez, D.D. is the bishop of the Chalan Kanoa Diocese.

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ: May the Lord give you peace!

As I prepare for and reflect on the upcoming elections, I am reminded of a passage in the Gospel of Luke, specifically in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:29-37). Do you remember Jesus' final question? He asked the lawyer, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? And in reply, the lawyer said to Jesus, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus then instructs him: "Go and do likewise." Similarly, as Catholic voters and politicians, we too are called to "go and do likewise." What do I mean by this? In practice, we must, as disciple-citizens, exercise our right to vote. And here is why.

First, as Catholics, we must embrace both the benefits and responsibilities of citizenship. Often, we focus on benefits, on what we can gain—perhaps due to CNMI's colonial history. Yet we must never lose sight of the responsibilities grounded in our discipleship as a community of faith. To illustrate, we must promote honesty, transparency, and truthfulness in public and private life; respect a duly-elected government and its leaders; uphold the right to critic and protest while maintaining the honor we attribute to our nationality; and protect the cluster of rights and freedoms that intersect with our social and ethical responsibilities. That is why we must go out and vote on Nov. 8. Voting is an expression of our disciple-citizenship.

Second, voting is a prayerful practice of discernment and decision-making. Who will be "neighbors" to us? And this should be our response. The ones "who show us mercy" are the elected leaders who will work toward the common good, those whose political platform, vision of leadership, and record of service reflect "what really matters" to CNMI society—the servant leaders who embody our socially responsible, noble purpose. Who will be neighbor especially to the most vulnerable among us? Who will be willing to enter into dialogue with us? Who will carefully discern and make decisions on issues that are very critical to us as people of faith? For instance, freedom of religion; dignity of labor; the plight of migrants, refugees, and internally displaced persons; abortion, physical and mental health; defense and war; ecology, climate change, and the care of creation; and all other issues that call us to a consistent ethic of life. However, in determining who will be neighbor to us, let us also be mindful that our elected public servants, like each one of us in the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, are humans in need of God's grace and blessing, of healing and strength, and of lifelong human growth and development.

Third, we can more fully become peacemakers and justice-doers by exercising our right to vote. As Catholics, we generally maintain a "universal" outlook as we engage across differing sociocultural and political systems. We deliberately advance participation and inclusion in church and society while resisting any form of injustice, abuse of power, or neglect. We aspire to be neighbors to all, striving to show mercy even to those whose viewpoints and identities are different from ours. Therefore, I urge you to respect and uphold the dignity of all candidates and voters. Let us not "demonize" or malign those whom we regard as adversaries because of their opposing views or individuals whose candidacy we resist. Just as we look for candidates who will work toward the common good, you and I must "go and do likewise."

May God bless us all, and may peace and justice reign in the CNMI.

To be offered in print format at all rectory and chancery offices. To be read as homily in all churches of the diocese at Sunday Masses on the weekend of Nov. 5 and 6.

The nuclear risks in Russia's war with Ukraine are real

By JASEN CASTILLO
Chicago Tribune

Jasen Castillo is co-director of the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy at Texas A&M University and a nonresident fellow at the foreign policy think tank Defense Priorities.

For the second time in my life, the threat of nuclear war is keeping me up at night. The first occasion was in 1983, when as a child, I sneaked out of my bedroom to watch the TV movie "The Day After." That movie gave me a healthy appreciation for what a nuclear conflict between the United States and Russia might look like.

Now, almost 40 years later, that fear has returned, as Russian President Vladimir Putin issues threats of nuclear use, seemingly to compensate for the poor performance of his armed forces fighting in Ukraine. A month ago, he warned, "If the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will without doubt use all available means to protect Russia and our people — this is not a bluff." And after annexing four provinces of Ukraine, Putin declared, "The United States is the only country in the world that has used nuclear weapons twice, destroying the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. And they created a precedent."

The Biden administration has responded forcefully to Putin's nuclear brandishing. In a May commentary for The New York Times, President Joe Biden explained, "Any use of nuclear weapons in this conflict on any scale would be completely unacceptable to us as well as the rest of the world and would entail severe consequences." More recently, his national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, stated, "We have the continuing ability to reach Russia and tell them in no uncertain terms, for example, what the consequences would be, and they would be catastrophic if Russia went down the dark road of nuclear weapons use."

While Russia and the United States issue competing threats, it is important to understand the different pathways to nuclear escalation that could emerge from the war in Ukraine. Of course, any conventional conflict involving a nuclear-armed power has the potential to escalate. In this case, Putin believes that Russia is in a high-stakes conflict. He envisioned a quick and decisive victory; instead, Ukrainian forces have shown a greater will to fight and have Russian forces on the run, even retreating from newly annexed territories. Under these circumstances, nuclear weapons could be the ace in the hole, an instrument for reversing defeats on the battlefield. The escalation in violence, including nuclear use, could be worth the gamble in Putin's mind.

The U.S. and its NATO allies are no strangers to this type of strategy. During the Cold War, the Western alliance followed the strategy of flexible response, threatening to use nuclear weapons to defeat what many considered the conventionally superior armed forces of the Warsaw Pact. The alliance would respond to an invasion first with low-yield, battlefield nuclear weapons, reserving the ability to escalate to greater nuclear use if Warsaw Pact members did not withdraw. NATO took numerous steps to convince Soviet leaders that this threat was credible. The alliance's forces and posture all aimed to convince the Soviet Union that the Western alliance would attempt nuclear coercion and risk an all-out nuclear war rather than lose on the conventional battlefield.

Prudent U.S. policymakers should assume Russia today might make the same calculation about its war in Ukraine. Even NATO seems to understand Russia cares deeply about what happens in Ukraine.

What, then, are the paths to nuclear use in the Ukraine war? One road to escalation could involve the deliberate use of nuclear weapons by Russia. For example, the collapse of Russian armed forces in Ukraine, especially the portions of the country recently annexed, could prompt Putin to conduct a handful of attacks with low-yield nuclear weapons to compel his opponents to back down. The threat of further nuclear use would loom large, adding to Russia's coercive leverage.

Some analysts have suggested that NATO respond to Russian nuclear use by joining the conventional fight on Ukraine's side. This is foolish and dangerous. Already at a disadvantage on the battlefield, Russia would then rely on nuclear weapons to counter NATO's conventional strengths. This possibility likely deterred the Biden administration from creating a no-fly zone over Ukraine. Despite calls from former national security officials, U.S. officials seemed to understand the nuclear risks.

Even if Putin were to resist deliberate nuclear use in response to direct NATO military intervention, there would be the danger of inadvertent escalation. How NATO fights conventionally could look like efforts to disarm Russia of its nuclear weapons. Similarly, there would be the possibility of accidental escalation. Both sides would face tremendous stress to keep control of their nuclear forces while fighting an intense conventional war.

NATO military intervention, then, would likely provoke more nuclear escalation. In such an instance, the alliance could find itself facing the strategy it planned to use during the Cold War under Russia's nuclear crosshairs, not the other way around.

With these escalation dynamics in mind, the U.S. and its allies need to start thinking about ending the conventional war in Ukraine rather than prolonging it. Like it or not, Putin sees this as a high-stakes conflict. Russia's inability to win a conventional war could cause it to rely on nuclear weapons to achieve its aims.

Although it is in U.S. interests to protect Ukraine's sovereignty, the greater American interest is in preventing a wider and longer war. Now is the time for the U.S. to start thinking about creating offramps to terminate the war and balance these interests. This might require Washington to limit Kyiv's war aims.

It would not be the first time American policymakers pressured partners against taking actions that might cause a war to escalate. Sometimes we need to choose between the lesser of two evils.

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leaders, should refuse to meet with Israeli politicians who are unabashed racists. And we should no longer tolerate—or provide a blank check to—the illegal settlement project and the occupation that many observers have called an Israeli version of apartheid.

Just as friends don't let friends drive drunk, so we must tell our Israel friends and cousins that enough is enough. We cannot stand idly by when the state continues to deprive Palestinians of full rights nor when its leaders take aim at leftists, LGBTQ people and African asylum seekers—all in violation of the very ideals of "liberty, justice, and peace" declared in Israel's Proclamation of Independence.

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FAA

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port noted that it did not consider passenger comfort and that the ever-growing size of the average passenger may one day become "unfavorable to safe egress."

We understand that the FAA is more focused on safety than comfort. But haven't the two become intertwined? Isn't a reasonably calm and comfortable flying public safer than an irritated and jam-packed one? We think so. It's time for the FAA to weigh in and consider regulatory standards on minimum seat dimensions that allow passengers to be both comfortable and safe.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Scattered showers. Partly sunny	Scattered showers. Partly sunny	A chance of showers. Partly sunny	Partly sunny
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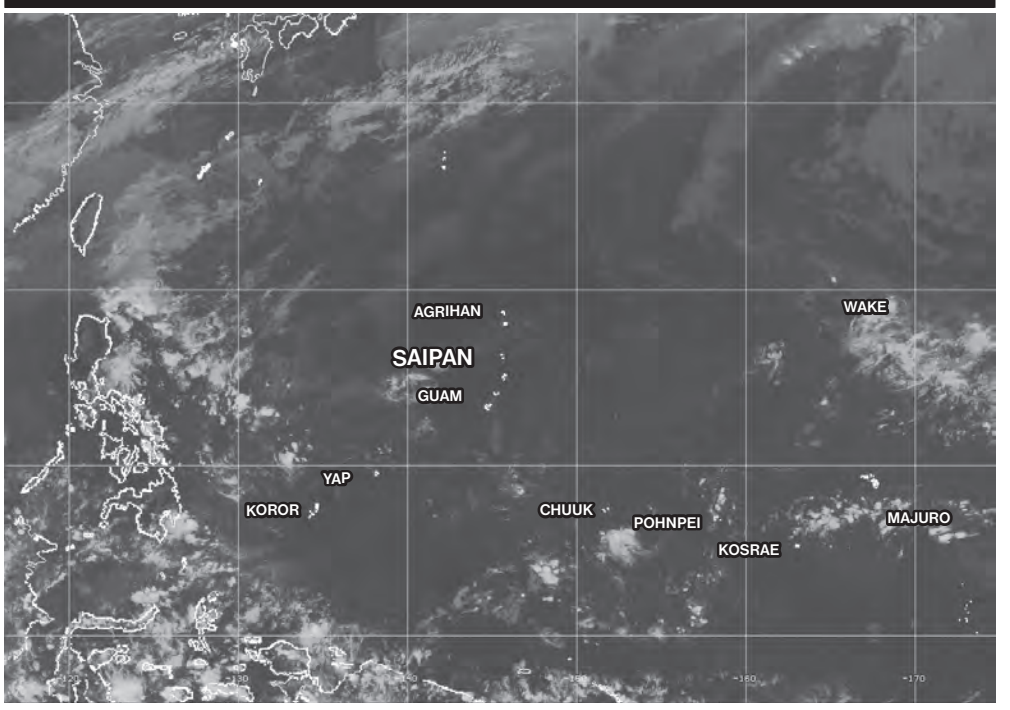

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 7 to 9 feet, which are composed almost entirely of a north swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	84° / 76°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°
Kosrae	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

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Friday	-	8:28 AM	7:51 PM

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Beijing	Sunny	63° / 32°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	76° / 70°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85° / 75°
London	Light Rain	59° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	70° / 57°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	76° / 58°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	84° / 78°
New York	Sunny	74° / 66°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	70° / 53°
Paris	Cloudy	61° / 52°
Busan	Sunny	66° / 48°
Rome	Sunny	71° / 47°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	83° / 65°
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Seoul	Partly Cloudy	59° / 44°
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UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

'TLC processing should be closer to the CNMI'

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisors is currently looking into the possibility of bringing the processing of temporary labor certifications closer to the CNMI because the recent delays in TLC processing have resulted in delays in acquiring CW-1 visas.

GCEA members Alex Sablan, who shared last Wednesday the current status of foreign worker, or CW-1, visa processing with members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said that employers have lately voiced frustrations about delays in acquiring TLCs, which, in turn, has significantly delayed the CW-1 process. Temporary labor certifications, or TLCs, are one of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' requirements for employers filing petitions for CW-1 visas.

Due to this delay, Sablan said the council is currently looking at the possibility of having the CNMI Department of Labor work in tandem with the U.S. Department of Labor in processing these TLCs and giving the CNMI governor the authority to sign off on them so that local employers are able to timely file their CW-1 petitions.

"We feel like there are arbitrary and capricious denials at the TLC level—greater than have been previously [and] it's delaying the overall process. So like Guam, we'd like to have the ability to have the secretary of Labor work in concert with U.S. Department of Labor to certify these requirements for U.S. citizen workers first, finding that there is none. Once employers have done everything required under federal law and they can't find a U.S. [eligible] worker, move the process forward to the signing-off phase with the governor approving the TLCs, as the governor of Guam has been doing," he said.

Sablan

Sablan explained that the current process takes place in Chicago and those who process TLCs may not grasp how important CW-1 visa workers are to the CNMI workforce, causing a delay in the processing of TLCs.

"Right now we have to get our [TLCs] processed through Chicago. With U.S. Labor Chicago processing our TLC, they are very far removed, not really understanding what the conditions are on the ground and reasons for why we need particular workforce vocations," Sablan said.

When asked if he believes the CNMI DOL is capable of processing TLCs here, he said they could, with the proper training. "I believe they can get trained appropriately and again, they'd be working in concert with U.S. Labor. Even Guam works in concert with U.S. Labor in this process. I believe we have the ability here in the CNMI," he said.

When asked what is currently being done to make this happen, Sablan said the council has already been in dialogue with Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) in regards to legislation that would allow the CNMI to work with USDOL to process its CW-1 TLCs.

"Congressman Kilili has opened his office to listen to the issue related to this issue. He was very aware of it. We're going to work with him and other members of Congress in the Natural Resources Committee for the House of Representatives to find the proper legislation that again strikes a balance between a U.S. citizen workforce and CW workforce," he said.

Sablan shared these status updates during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's monthly general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

USCG's *Midgett* is home after deployment to Western Pacific

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Midgett* and crew returned to its homeport in Honolulu last Monday, following an 83-day, 16,000 nautical-mile deployment to the Western Pacific.

The *Midgett* and crew departed Honolulu in August to the Western Pacific to operate under the tactical control of U.S. Navy 7th Fleet to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

"The Coast Guard strives to be a trusted partner, and we play a vital role in ensuring safety, security, and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific," said Vice Adm. Andrew J. Tiongson, commander Pacific Area. "As the region faces challenges like climate change and Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing, we will join with our Pacific partners to face these common threats and challenges together."

Midgett's crew executed numerous cooperative engagements, professional exchanges, and capacity building efforts with naval allies and partners, who included the Philippine Coast Guard, Singapore Maritime Security Response Flotilla, the Information Fusion Center, Police Coast Guard, Indian Coast Guard, and Maldives National Defense Force.

"I am extremely proud of this crew and all they have accomplished over this deployment," said Capt. Willie Carmichael, commanding officer of *Midgett*. "They engaged in meaningful and collaborative engagements with our partners that increased our interoperability to address shared maritime threats and challenges. This Western Pacific deployment highlights the critical role the Coast Guard plays in strengthening maritime governance around the world and how much our partners value our presence. *Midgett*'s ability and dedication to sail across two oceans and participate in purposeful engagements with our partners is a testament to the United States' commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific."

The U.S. Coast Guard has a 150-year enduring role in the Indo-Pacific. The service's ongoing deployment of resources to the region directly supports U.S. foreign policy. As both a federal law enforcement agency and a branch of the armed forces, the Coast Guard is uniquely positioned to conduct security cooperation in support of combatant commanders on all seven continents. The service routinely provides forces in joint military operations worldwide, including the deployment of cutters, boats, aircraft and deployable specialized forces.

Since 2019, Coast Guard cutters *Bertholf*, *Stratton*, *Waesche*, and *Munro* have deployed to the Western Pacific.

Commissioned in 2019, *Midgett* is one of two Coast Guard legend-class national security cutters homeported in Honolulu. National security cutters are 418-feet long, 54-feet wide, and have a 4,600 long-ton displacement. They have a top speed in excess of 28 knots, a range of 12,000 nautical miles, endurance of up to 90 days and can hold a crew of up to 170.

Midgett is the second cutter named after the *Midgett* family, many of whom served in the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Life Saving Service and other predecessor life-saving services. Seven members of the Midgett family have been awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal, including John Allen Midgett Jr. and Rasmus Midgett. ***(USCG)***

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ADMINISTRATION HIGHLIGHTS

Culture

Economy

Infrastructure

Health Care

Education

Tourism

- Isa Drive complete after 30 years
- Talafofo Road, Route 36 Road Improvements and cross island connection
- Kalabera Cave Roadway to Kingfisher Golf Connections
- Airport Road Paved
- Beach Road on its way
- First Ever CNMI Public Transit System Implemented
- Puerto Rico Dump Closed and Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park Established
- San Vicente Children's Park Constructed and Open to the Public
- Created Office of Planning and Development
- Reopened Japan Tourism with SkyMark after years of no direct service
- Hyatt Lease Renegotiated
- 2016-2019 greatest GDP growth in entire USA
- Brought back Retiree Pensions to 100% and regularly paid into the settlement fund
- Saw bonuses for Retirees
- Paid out land compensation first time in 18 years
- Settled previous Administration deficits first time in 18 years
- Settled previous Administration court judgements first time in many years
- Largest Economic Development Agency EDA award to a single Jurisdiction in a FY with $88 million going to Garapan Revitalization, NMC facility, NMTI facility, Oleai Sports Complex and Civic Center Cultural Center
- I.T. Division
- Largest single-project EDA grant in history with $21.2 million for rehabilitation and improvements to Oleai Sports Complex, Over-the-Road Pedestrian Walkway, and new Cultural and Event Venue
- New Million-Gallon Water Tanks completed
- Negotiated increased income eligibility and benefits under NAP
- Exceptional disaster recovery effort after typhoon Mangkhut and super-typhoon Yutu
- Increased Air Service Partnerships With South Korea
- Most US workers in the workforce in CNMI History - 59% US workers in the Economy
- Highest Average Wage in CNMI History
- Complete adjustment upward of the Civil Service Payscale
- Payment of frozen bonuses to Civil Service Employees after nearly a decade
- Largest CDBG-DR Grant in History $244 million
- Saw re-opening of Kensington and renovation of Coral Ocean Point
- Largest FEMA award/reimbursement $350 million
- OIA Grants $82 million and counting
- Airforce Divert successfully negotiated for Tinian $900 million budgeted and Construction Ongoing
- Governor's Covid Task Force made us the safest place in most of the World let alone the United States
- 243,420 for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

- Transitioning us into the 21st Century with E-GOV system
- Activity in Pagan over the last three years has thwarted the Military's idea of using it for heavy munitions training
- Issued first Homestead lots in over 15 years
- Plans to open 2000 Homestead lots throughout the CNMI
- Two successful 902 negotiations kept Immigration in place for visitors, labor force in place

ALL THAT WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER

- One of only 15 states and territories to receive the Impact Project Grant, highly competitive Child Care Improvement Grant
- Full implementation of the Quality Rating Inspection System (QRIS) for child care providers
- First job fair at the NAP for Employment and Training beneficiaries
- Case worker focused on employment and training for NAP beneficiaries
- Secured most funding in CNMI history for child care support
- New Seafaring Traditions Program Established
- Developed ENAP and secured approval for plan from the Department of Agriculture
- Development of first NAP Eligibility System
- Nearly double the number of Office on Aging Center congregates, with numerous additional programs for man amko'
- New federal grants to Arts Council after years of ineligibility
- New fleet of vehicles for the Aging Program, and for programs across the DCCA, including Tinian and Rota
- Over 500 processed earth moving permits by our Historic Preservation Office
- CNMI Soccer Training Facility
- Facilitation of property in Tanapag for the Northern Sports Complex
- Complete renovation of the Kagman Community Center
- Successful securing of Community Development Block Grant funds to see the renovation of the Tinian Gymnasium.
- Construction of new COTA administrative and maintenance facility at Lower Base
- Over $15 million in federal funding for COTA
- CNMI's First Ever Substance Abuse and Recovery Program Established
- CNMI First Ever Drug Court Established
- Fastest issuance of tax rebate payments in CNMI history
- Unfreezing of Civil Service WGIs
- Cannabis Legalized
- Historic progress toward 24 hour water in every village for the first time
- Crime rate down 65.3%

- Historic Level of Public Safety Funding
- Renovation of the CNMI Museum
- Mala'afa Breadfruit Program
- Purchase of new Fire Equipment
- Purchase of over $4 million in new hospital equipment
- Re-opening of the Kagman Healthcare Clinic
- 150% Increase in Appropriations for Healthcare
- Greater Workforce Protections with enhancements OSHA office within DOL
- Increased tax collections by $26 million
- $121,000 through Micro-grant Food Security Program for Farmers and Ranchers
- $363,465 for the Zero Waste Initiative Program
- Adoption of the Catastrophic Plan (CATPLAN)
- Fully funded Medicaid and Obtained Parity with US States
- Series of Grants totaling over $4 million for Homeland Security Operations
- $980,000 Cares Act funds for fishermen
- $10.4 million for rental and utility assistance under the CRRSA Act
- Governor's Council of Economic Advisors - Public Private Partnership Program
- Improved Destination Enhancement Programs including investments in the construction, maintenance, and operations of needed facilities and other infrastructure support at major tourist sites.
- Established the region's first successful travel bubble with South Korea
- Established the CNMI's first Marine Highway
- Established War on Ice Task Force
- Historic advancements to reducing the supply of Illegal Drugs
- USDOL Commendation for PUA Program
- Governor's Council of Economic Advisers - Marianas Village Pride Project
- United Airlines' direct flight service to Japan
- Marianas Southern Airways
- No Pagan bombing
- Tinian Divert Airfield
- Establishment of Veterans Town Halls
- Successful Pacific Mini Games
- 2022 Retiree Bonus
- CUC Utility Credits
- Upgrading of NMI Museum Facilities and Culture
- Local Stimulus issued to CNMI
- CUC and NMHC water tank replacement project
- Garapan Revitalization Project
- Solar panels for pavilions and lights around Garapan
- $2 million from LWCF for Outdoor Recreation Projects
- Garapan Sewer Line Replacement Project

UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF OUR ISLANDS

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Hula dance lessons at the Hyatt beach

Picture an afternoon of white sand, palm trees, island songs and this image won't be complete without hula dancing. Hyatt Regency Saipan, in cooperation with island ladies Leanna Borja, Stephanie Borja, and Tanya Salas, is bringing hula dance lessons to the Hyatt beach for two Saturdays from 3pm to 4:30pm.

The hula dancing lessons are open to in-house guests and local residents for $25 and comes with a welcome drink and 50% off for children 6 to 12 years of age. Open for beginners and any level of hula dance know-how.

The Borja sisters will lead on Nov. 12, 2022 while Salas will be on deck on Nov. 19, 2022. Leanna and Stephanie come from generations of Polynesian and CHamoru dancers—the award-winning cultural dance group Guma' Taga Cultural Dancers from Tinian that perform at local events and at hotel dinner shows.

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Tanya Salas is a local handicraft and dance performing artist of Polynesian and Micronesian descent residing on the beautiful island of Saipan.

Leanna is the president of a newly established nonprofit organization called I Nåpu. The goal is to envision, revive, and instill the unique traditions of the CHamoru culture and its indigenous people to sustain our way of life. They hope to share the beauty of the CHamoru culture through the art of song, dance, chant, and storytelling.

Salas is a local handicraft and dance performing artist of Polynesian and Micronesian descent residing on the beautiful island of Saipan. Hailing from generations of Micro-Poly artists and dancers before her, Tanya proudly represents her heritage via her business, Tahine's Creations, through which she actively promotes the practice of island cultural arts in various forms.

Salas said that passion led her to become a certified instructor in the world-renowned Hot Hula Fitness brand in 2017. "Dancing isn't just in my roots and my blood, it's in my very soul. It is part of who I am," Salas said. She calls on the members of the public, of all ages, most especially our *Famalåo'an* (women and girls) to join these events.

Leanna Borja and Stephanie Borja come from generations of Polynesian and CHamoru dancers—the award-winning cultural dance group Guma' Taga Cultural Dancers from Tinian.

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To reserve a spot, call (670) 234-1234 local 5811 or send a message on Hyatt Regency Saipan's Facebook or Instagram accounts.

Hyatt Regency Saipan was established in the CNMI in 1981 and is the first international hotel in the CNMI. ***(Hyatt Regency Saipan)***

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Sister: Suzana A. Cabaces
Brother-in-law/Sister-in-law: Rex Henley and Leonila Cantuba Bisnar

Our beloved †Nelida Bisnar Atalig is survived by her families and her memories will be forever in their hearts:

Children and Grandchildren:
Christian "Ian" Bisnar Atalig and Emily Villarosa Cameron
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Adeloisa "Dee" Bisnar Atalig
Kahra Bisnar Atalig

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John Eman Cabaces Tuquero
Jovic Cabaces Tuquero

Elizabeth Cabaces and family
Rose Cabaces and family

Daily Mass is offered at San Francisco De Borja Church in Rota at 6:00am until November 08, 2022. Nightly Rosary is offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:30pm from October 31, 2022 to November 08, 2022.

Funeral service will be on November 09, 2022 at Kristo Rai Church. Responso will be held at 8:00am to be followed by Public Viewing and Christian Mass at 10:30am at Kristo Rai. After the mass, her remains will be escorted to Sanctuario Pax Memorial Gardens in Kagman where she will be peacefully laid to rest.

She was greatly involved in community service throughout the years in various groups such as the United Filipino Organization, VisMinda Association, Bayani Association, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and Saipan Simbang Gabi Group.

She will be remembered for her generosity and caring heart that touched the lives of many.

Thank you for your presence, thoughts and prayers.

Christian, Adeloisa, Kahra and Family

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RFP22– RED001
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

"MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms interested in being the Exclusive Master Concession Operator for service and activities on or relating to Managaha Island.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested proposers may request an RFP Packet by email referenced **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA CONCESSION".**

A pre-proposal tour of the island for all interested parties will be held on Managaha Island on **November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m**. Additional site visits may be requested through DPL. Interested parties must arrange their own transportation to and from the island.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the premises and the contents of the RFP Packet must be received, **no later than 4:00 pm on November 18, 2022 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar, Secretary, DPL at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
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Sealed proposals must be marked **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR".** One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 4:00pm ChST, on November 30, 2022. A non-refundable Administrative Processing Fee of Seventy Five Dollars ($75.00)** is required upon submission of a proposal and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: Department of Public Lands.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All costs associated with preparing a proposal are entirely the responsibility of proposers. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL.

/s/ SIXTO K. IGISOMAR, DPL Secretary

Man sentenced to a year in prison for beating wife

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REPORTER

The Superior Court has sentenced a man to one year in prison for beating his wife, but he was allowed to only serve 18 days of his sentence.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Bradley Palacios last Wednesday to a one-year imprisonment term on charges of domestic violence plus assault and battery. However, Palacios will only serve the first 18 days of his sentence day by day without the possibility of parole, early release, weekend release, or other similar program. The remainder of his sentence is suspended.

In addition, Palacios was also given credit for four days of time served.

After serving his sentence, Palacios will be placed on supervised probation for three years.

He was ordered to pay a fine of $100, court cost of $25 and a probation fee in the amount to be assessed by the Office of Adult Probation before the expiration of hi probation period.

Palacios has pleaded guilty to domestic violence, assault, and battery charges.

In his order, Camacho noted that the victim, Palacios' wife, asked the court to allow her husband to serve his sentence on weekends for economic reasons.

The judge denied the victim's request because, pursuant to the plea agreement, the defendant must serve the first 18 days of his sentence, day for day.

Palacios was immediately taken to the Department of Corrections so he could start serving his sentence

Palacios was initially charged with assault, assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace.

Camacho

According to court documents, Palacios threatened to kill his wife during a heated argument.

The victim told police that prior to the incident, they were in her grandmother's pickup truck on the way to the store.

She said when she reminded him he needed to fix the truck, Palacios got mad and took out a pair of pliers that he pointed at her and told her to stop or he was going to stab her.

When they arrived at the store, she said she got out of the truck, but Palacios was still mad and told her to get back in the truck,

Once at their apartment, she said Palacios told her to go inside or he would beat her up. Inside the apartment, while they continued to argue, she said Palacios took a kitchen knife and placed it on her throat. Palacios later left the apartment in the pickup truck.

She then called 9-11 and was advised to call back when Palacios returned.

Later that evening, when Palacios came back to the apartment, the wife called the police.

She said when Palacios entered their room, she stood up and walked out but he followed her and grabbed her. She said he held her tight to stop her from moving.

When she broke free, she ran toward the door, but she said Palacios pushed her from behind, causing her to hit her head on the door.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO UPDATE THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-002-23

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide professional services in updating the CPA Fire Service Certification Program. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and or products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC § 40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning November 07, 2022, upon payment of $100.00 in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Questions and/or clarifications may be directed in writing to Christopher S. Tenorio at chris.tenorio@cnmiports.com with copy to Frederick Pangelinan at fpangelinan @cnmiports.com. All questions and/or clarifications shall be received no later than November 21, 2022. CPA will not entertain questions and/or clarifications after November 21, 2022.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, DECEMBER 07, 2022. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

November 07, 2022

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEVELOPMENT OF ECHO DOCK
PORT OF SAIPAN
CPA RFP NO. CPA-RFP-010-2022
(CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("Authority") is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIAC § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package is available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of $200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority's development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority's Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:

Date RFP Package becomes available	August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)
Date of RFP briefing meeting	September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)
Deadline to submit Notice of Intent	September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications	October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP	October 28, 2022
Deadline for RFP submission	November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the "CPA Evaluation Committee" and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: "RFP Proposal: Confidential - Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022)." Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date 8/26/2022

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†JUAN EDWARDO VILLAGOMEZ DIAZ

Affectionately known as
"JUAN BOY/JOHNNY
was born on January 1, 1963 and called
to his eternal rest on Friday, October 28, 2022,
at the age of 59.

In his new life, JUAN now joins his:
Parents: †Juan Manibusan and †Frederica Villagomez Diaz
Brother: †Jeffrey Bernard Villagomez Diaz
Paternal Grandparents: †Agapito Joaquin Arriola Diaz/†Jesus Pangelinan and †Maria Santa Maria Manibusan Igibara
Maternal Grandparents: †Eugenio Cruz and †Ana Tenorio Villagomez
Parents-in-law: †Roberto Cruz and †Brigida Iriarte Untalan

The Love and Blessing of JUAN's memory will live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Florence Untalan Diaz
Son: Aaron Jay Untalan Diaz

Brothers/Sisters, Spouses and family:
Nobert V. Diaz (Kenneth (Jordan), Ann Margaret/Ike (Ike Joseph, Iyannah, Izaiah, Ivan), Norbert, Jr.)
Anna V. Diaz and Joseph P. Dela Cruz (Jonathan (†Darren, Jasmine, Savanna, Aliyah), Deanndrea/Antonio (Priscilla, Chloey, Jacob, Carter, Coral)
Carmen D. and Patricio F. Tudela (†Juan, Patrick/Verna, Brandon/Nina (Irie, Damian, Selah), John Zachery, April/Francisco (Layla/Lennox)
James V. and Betty Anne DLC. Diaz (Brandon/Magdalena (Cassidee, Riley, Oliveeah, Edward II, Aiden, Lauren), Joshua)
Patrick V. Diaz and Jessica DLG. Tomokane (Frederika)
Joaquin V. and Agnes S. Diaz (Kalyn)
†Jeffrey V. and Lani Mae U. Diaz (Reana/Austin (Kailani, Aurea), Luis/Jamie (Nisha, Vinae, Kaylee), Victoria, Jeffrey/Marlena, Derence
Francisco V. Diaz (Feng) and Dora Jo B. Ada (Annrica, Cali)

Brothers/Sisters-in-law, Spouses and family:
Frances I. Untalan and Jesse R. Hernandez (Sean/Jeanece (Talen))
Robert J. and Patricia C. Untalan (Kristen/Akeem, Steven, Samuel, Rebecca)
John I. Untalan
Patricia U. Palacios (Jared/Shaianna (Sadie/Sawyer), Briana)
Jesse I. and Rita B. Untalan (Juanito/Tayler (Madden))
Pauline I. Untalan and Frank R. Santos (Liane (Zion)), Lauren (Riley))
Rafael I. and Jailyn C. Untalan (Aidan, Elijah, Isaac, Ana)

Godparents: Jesus Tudela and Marian Tudela
Pedro A. Tenorio

JUAN is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, godchildren, nieces and nephews

Daily masses are being offered at 6:00 p.m. at San Jose Church (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.) and 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral and Kristo Rai Church. On Monday, November 14, 2022, his remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral, followed by public viewing from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

Un Dångkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'åse Ginen I Familia

Wishing my late wife
Tonie Mafnas Apatang a Heavenly
Happy Birthday on November 7th.
May you continue to rest in peace.
Thinking of you always.
We love and miss you!

A BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE
TO MY LOVING WIFE

Antonia (Tonie) Mafnas Apatang

To my dearest wife:
Wishing you here today
For even just a while
So I could say happy birthday
And I could see your loving smile
The only gift today will be
Your sweetest memory left behind
Of laughter, joy, and happiness
That echo, in my mind
May angel holds you closely
And sings you happy songs
And I will be sending wishes
Today and all year long

Happy Birthday in heaven!

Sincerely missing you today
and everyday,

David M. Apatang
and children

Matson to add 3 LNG-powered containerships

HONOLULU—Matson, Inc announced Saturday that its subsidiary, Matson Navigation Co., Inc., a leading U.S. carrier in the Pacific, has signed contracts with Philly Shipyard Inc. to build three new 3,600 TEU* Aloha Class containerships for an aggregate price of approximately $1 billion. The first vessel is expected to be delivered in the fourth quarter of 2026 with subsequent deliveries in 2027.

» $1 billion investment part of long-term decarbonization strategy

The new vessels will join two Aloha Class ships previously built for Matson by Philly Shipyard that entered service in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Like their sisterships, the new vessels will be equipped with dual fuel engines that are designed to operate on either conventional marine fuels or liquefied natural gas, as well as other "green ship technology" features such as a fuel-efficient hull design and environmentally safe double hull fuel tanks and freshwater ballast systems. While the earlier ships require some modification to operate with LNG, the new ships will be delivered LNG-ready.

"Our existing Aloha Class ships are among the fastest, most efficient vessels in the Matson fleet," said Matt Cox, chairman and chief executive officer. "These new Jones Act compliant vessels will be built specifically for our China-Long Beach Express service, and like their sisterships, are expected to help Matson achieve its 2030 greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal while also providing additional capacity and speed benefitting our Hawaii service as well as the CLX [China-Long Beach Express service]."

The 854-foot Aloha Class vessels are the largest containerships ever built in the U.S. and are designed to operate at speeds in excess of 23 knots in support of Matson's service hallmark—timely delivery of goods.

Philly Shipyard is a leading U.S. commercial shipyard constructing vessels for operation in the domestic Jones Act trade lanes. Prior to Matson's first two Aloha Class ships, the shipyard delivered four newly built Jones Act containerships for Matson between 2003 and 2006.

"It is the ultimate compliment when a former customer returns for another project. We are proud of the six vessels previously delivered to Matson, and are again ready to execute and deliver this important project." said Steinar Nerbovik, Philly Shipyard president and chief executive officer.

The three new Aloha Class ships will replace three vessels currently deployed in Matson's China-Long Beach Express service, which will in turn replace three older vessels currently deployed in its Alaska service, redeploying bigger and faster vessels into that trade lane.

Matson expects to finance the new vessels with cash currently in the Capital Construction Fund and through cash flows from operations, borrowings available under the company's unsecured revolving credit facility and additional debt financings.

Matson has set corporate goals to achieve a 40% reduction in Scope 1 greenhouse gas fleet emissions by 2030 and net-zero Scope 1 GHG emissions by 2050. ***(Matson)***

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DATE: October 25, 2022 CLOSING DATE: November 10, 2022 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:
2023-001	1-CDBG-DR Compliance Specialist-Saipan	$25,000.00-$30,000.00 -per annum- UNGRADED
2023-002	2-Staff Engineer Civil/Structural	$70,000.00-$100,000.00 per annum- UNGRADED

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be accessed at www.nmhcgov.net.

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; or at the Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/
JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB23-GOV-42300004: ROTA HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENTS

SUBMISSION DATE: 10:00 AM ChST DECEMBER 7, 2022

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is soliciting sealed bids for the Rota Healthcare Improvements in Songsong, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This project will be funded by the 702 Covenant funding under the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The project package will be available in digital format only on **November 7, 2022** at the Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, during regular working hours.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Rota Health Center located in Songsong, Rota, CNMI at **10:00 AM ChST November 22, 2022**. Proposers may also request to participate virtually via Zoom Meetings five (5) days prior to the meeting scheduled. All attendees are required to use a face mask and exercise social distancing throughout the duration of the meeting.

Questions regarding this ITB may be sumitted via email to Ms. Sunny Aldan at sunny.aldan@gov.mp no later than **4:30 PM ChST November 29, 2022**. All Questions & Answers will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI must fill out and submit the Notice of Intent to Bid Form to the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 AM ChST, December 7, 2022**.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS, AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor, CNMI

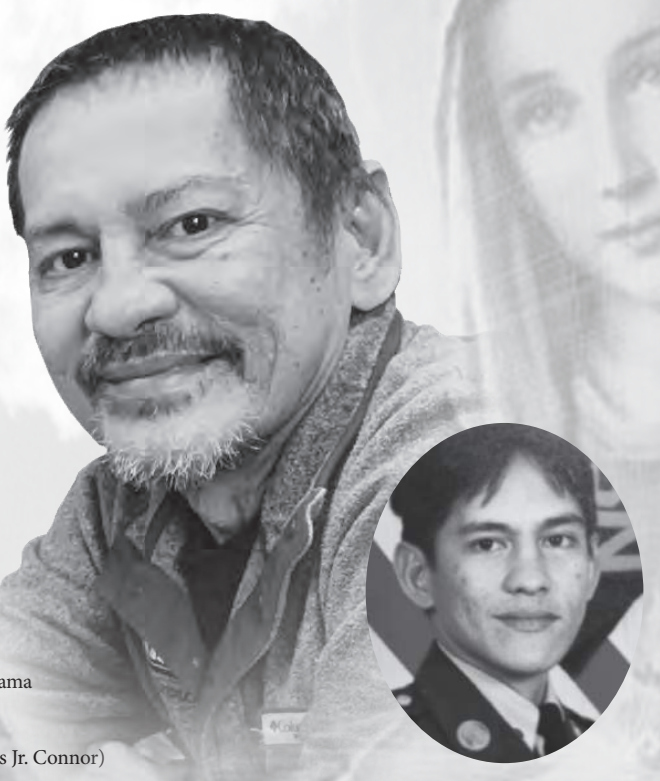
/s/ Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director
CNMI Procurement Services

In Loving Memory of

†Pedro Agulto Deleon Guerrero

BORN: MAY 18, 1961
WAS CALLED TO ETERNAL REST ON OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 2AM IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

In his new life, he now joins his:



Parents:
Father: †Jose Cabrera Deleon Guerrero
Mother: †Trinidad Agulto Deleon Guerrero
Parents-In-Law:
Father-In-Law: †Luis Sablan Arriola
Mother-In-Law: †Patring Arriola
Brothers: †Vicente Jose Agulto Deleon Guerrero
†Joaquin Agulto Deleon Guerrero
†Francisco Xavier Agulto Deleon Guerrero
Sister: †Rosario Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
Sister-In-Law: †Rosa Taimaniao Deleon Guerrero
†Rosa Arriola
Brother-In-Law: †Tadao Kumagai
†Zosimo Carandang
†Pedro Arriola
Grandson: †Obit John Lizama
Nephews: †Martin Deleon Guerrero Indalecio
†Gary Keith Deleon Guerrero
†Jose Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
†Ray Tadashi Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
†Vicente Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
Grand Nephews: †Noah Deleon Guerrero Salas
Niece: †Maria Deleon Guerrero Kumagai

He will be missed and forever remembered in the hearts of his:
Wife: Marites Arriola Deleon Guerrero
Children: Peter Joe B. Deleon Guerrero/ Adeline Tereyama
(Ha'ani, Ayden, Miara, Peyton,
Ayleina, Peter Joe II (Junjun)
Vanessa Dlg. & Nicolas Reyes (Alana, Nicolas Jr. Connor)
Quinton A. Deleon Guerrero
Liberty A. Deleon Guerrero
Paul A. Lizama (Cayden, Paul Jr. Hailey, Angelina II)
Ashley A. Lizama & Paul Santos
Robby Jon Taman (Zoey Madison)
Brothers & Sisters & Family:
Jesus A. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Annie Dlg. /Wayne Gilespie & Family
Dolores Dlg. /Akioshi Yamagishi & Family
Erica Dlg. /Augusto Evangelista & Family
Jose A./Kumiko Deleon Guerrero & Family
Theresita A. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Ramon A./Rhia O. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Rita Dlg. /Ivan F. Tudela & Family
Margarita Dlg. /Timothy Severson & Family

Brothers & Sisters-In-Laws & Family:
Magdalena I. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Marivic Ampo & Children
Ramon Carandang /Rizza & Children
Manding Canrandang
Cristy A. /David Cruz & Children
Evelyn A. /Newman Techur & Family
Antonio C. /Mayumi Arriola & Children
Maryann V. Carandang & Children
Reared Sisters: Remedio M. Santos
Lucinda S. Inos

Additionally, he will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, relatives, and friends.

Nighty Mass is being offered at 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday and 8:00 am on Sunday at St. Jude Church in Koblerville.

On November 15, 2022 at 8:30am, our beloved †Pedro will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to the Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso service will take place upon arrival of his remains followed by recitation of the holy rosary, and public viewing will start after. Christian Mass will be celebrated beginning at 11 am and burial will follow after, at the Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi.

Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers.

Marites A. Deleon Guerrero and Family

THE REAL TOP 10 TO REMEMBER THIS NOVEMBER

1. Ralph DLG. Torres, Vinnie F. Sablan, and the Republican Party are **the only candidates** in this election that have consistently provided **100% of the retirees' pensions** since the 2013 settlement agreement.

2. The 22nd House of Representatives led by the Democratic House Leadership is **the most unproductive House in CNMI history** authoring only 8 public laws. The GOP minority authored 16.

3. The Democratic House Leadership **reduced funding** for retirees, Chamorro and Refaluwasch programs, women's advocacy, veterans, our vocational rehabilitation, scholarships and CHCC, while **giving themselves an additional $1.2 million for their leadership account** in their FY 2023 Budget version.

4. The Democratic House Leadership imposed a **sugar-sweetened beverage tax of 4 cents per ounce** to the FY 2023 Budget- the first time a new tax was introduced in a budget bill and **would have hurt businesses and customers.**

5. **Senate Republicans saved the FY 2023 Budget** during conference committee by introducing a bill that protects retirees, 3,000 government employees, and restores funding to programs that would have been cut.

87%

of the final budget is by Senate Republicans

6. While House Democrats focused on **one-sided impeachment hearings**, Ralph DLG. Torres, Vinnie F. Sablan, and the Republican Party **focused on economic recovery in tourism, small businesses, and transportation.**

7. Ralph DLG. Torres and the Tinian GOP Leadership **successfully saved Tinian and Pagan from bombing** through strong partnership with the Department of Defense this year.

8. **CNMI workers today are earning, on average, $5.66 per hour more than in 2014.** Before Ralph DLG. Torres was elected Lt. Governor, the average hourly wage was $8.71, meaning the average worker in the CNMI is **earning more today than ever before to provide for their families.**

Average hourly wage in the CNMI in 2022:

$14.37

US Bureau of Labor Statistics (2022)

9. **Median household income in the CNMI increased from $23,839 in 2009 to $31,362 in 2019** because of GOP investments in education and workforce development led by the Torres administration (US Census, 2020).

10. **Poverty declined in the CNMI by 10.7%** from 2009 to 2019 because of GOP economic policies led by the Torres administration and GOP leadership in the Legislature (US Census, 2020).

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Life & Style

Rare Pikachu, Kobe's sneakers—a hidden vault guards it all

By DAVIDDE CORRAN and BOBBY CAINA CALVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The ordinary brown brick building, tucked within a nondescript block on a street in Delaware, would probably not garner much attention if it weren't for the razor wire and armed guards outside—hints that something important lay inside, possibly even precious.

Fort Knox it is not. But the stash of collectibles the building holds is undoubtedly worthy of guarding.

There's a rare Pikachu card and a century-old one of baseball great Honus Wagner, which recently sold for $7.25 million in a private sale. In addition to the trading cards, there are baseball bats and basketball shoes, including a pair of sneakers worn and signed by the late NBA great Kobe Bryant.

In all, $200 million in collectibles are stored in two vaults inside the building, equipped with some of the latest technology to keep the valuable cache safe from harm or thieves.

"A lot of people don't keep jewelry at their house. They keep it at a safety deposit box," maybe at a secure bank, said Ross Hoffman, the chief executive officer of Goldin Co., a division of industry giant Collectors, which operates the vault, a high-security facility specializing in protecting collectibles.

The building has no signage, and the company asked that any hint of its location not be divulged. Inside is a technologically advanced facility with a guarded vault, equipped with seismic motion detectors that will sound the alarm should anyone try to jackhammer through walls.

To move from room to room, a security guard ushers you through a card-activated double door entry way, letting the first door close before passing through the next. There are surveillance cameras everywhere.

Behind one of two 7,500-pound (3,400-kilogram) vault doors, each more than a foot thick, are rows of shelves that extend to the building's rafters. Rows upon rows of boxes are filled with collectors' items—including some with relatively little monetary worth but that represent sentimental value for their owners or that could someday be worth much more.

Hoffman called the facility a "pain killer."

"There's pain of things getting lost. There's pain in the things getting stolen," Hoffman said.

Interest in sports collectibles and memorabilia has boomed in recent years, not just high-ticket items but also for rediscovered pieces that had been tucked away in attics or basements. In August, a mint condition Mickey Mantle baseball card sold for $12.6 million, surpassing the $9.3 million paid for the jersey worn by Diego Maradona when he scored the contentious "Hand of God" goal in soccer's 1986 World Cup.

"A lot of times people have collectibles for the bragging rights to show it to other people so they can go, ooh and ahh," said Stephen Fishler, founder of ComicConnect, who has watched the growing rise—and profitability—of collectibles being traded across auction houses.

But some people don't want the burden of being responsible for securing their property, which they view as investments akin to stocks, Fishler said. These storage facilities help better liquify collectibles by treating them as assets that can be more easily bought and sold.

Hoffman, whose parent company also runs one of the leading grading and authenticating services, said his newest venture is an acknowledgment of the big money now involved in collectibles.

Before the pandemic, the sports memorabilia market was estimated at more than $5.4 billion, according to a 2018 Forbes interview with David Yoken, the founder of Collectable.com.

By 2021, that market had grown to $26 billion, according to the research firm Market Decipher, which predicts the market will grow astronomically to $227 billion within a decade—partly fueled by the rise of so-called NFTs, or non-fungible tokens, which are digital collectibles with unique data-encrypted fingerprints.

While digitized NFTs don't require vaults for safekeeping, the trade in physical collectibles is expected to remain busy and lucrative.

"For a lot of people that buy cards, they have an intention of selling it," Hoffman said, "so to keep it liquid and safe is a great thing."

Spacey to get award in Italy

AP

American actor Kevin Spacey, center, leaves the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Court House on Oct. 20, 2022, in New York.

ROME (AP)—Two weeks after a New York jury sided with Kevin Spacey in a sexual abuse lawsuit, an Italian film museum announced Thursday that the actor would receive a lifetime achievement award and teach a master class there early next year.

Enzo Ghigo, president of the National Museum of Cinema in the northern city of Turin, said the class and the award honoring Spacey's contribution to the growth of cinema would take place on Jan. 16, 2023. The event also is set to include a screening of a Spacey film, though Ghigo didn't say which.

"We are honored that such a prestigious guest as Kevin Spacey chose Turin and our museum for this long-awaited return to an event with an audience," he said.

Previous winners of the Stella della Mole Award include actors Isabella Rossellini and Monica Bellucci, and director Dario Argento.

On Oct. 21, a federal jury in a New York civil case found that Spacey, 63, did not sexually abuse Anthony Rapp when both were relatively unknown Broadway actors in 1986 and Rapp was 14 years old. The jurors deliberated a little more than an hour before deciding that Rapp, now 50, hadn't proven his allegations.

Miss Puerto Rico, Miss Argentina announce they are married

HAVANA (AP)—Two former beauty queens, Fabiola Valentín of Puerto Rico and Mariana Valera of Argentina, announced this week that they had secretly married.

The joint Instagram post spurred celebration in LGBTQ communities across Latin America, a region that has historically lagged on gay rights but has made small steps in recent years.

"After deciding to keep our relationship private, we're opening the doors on this special day, 28/10/22," Valentín and Valera said in their announcement posted Sunday.

The post includes a video montage of their relationship, including the two on vacations, at bars and on the beach at sunset. There is a view of gold and silver balloons reading "Marry me?" and the two together after the proposal.

The video ends with Valentín and Valera dressed in white kissing outside the courthouse in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Once barred in the U.S. territory, same-sex marriage became legal in Puerto Rico in 2015 after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled such bans unconstitutional. In 2020, new codes came into place on the island adding additional LGBTQ protections.

The two women met at the Miss Grand International competition in Thailand in 2020, where they represented their countries. They continued to post on social media together since.

The marriage announcement was met with a swell of celebration on social media, which the couple responded to with enthusiam.

"Thank you for all the love! We're very happy and joyful," wrote Valera. "I am sending you all back the love you are giving us."

Woman's temper torpedoes rocky three-year romance

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 59-year-old single man who was dating a 42-year-old woman for the past three years. The whole time we dated she was going through a divorce. I supported her and helped her through it. The papers were signed four months ago. Her relationship with her ex started when she was 16 and lasted 26 years. They have a 14-year-old daughter together. Their relationship was emotionally abusive.

We had a lot in common and loved doing things together, but our relationship was rocky. During the time we were together, we split up three times because she would get upset with me over simple things but would never have a conversation to try and work it out. She has a short fuse and her temper goes from zero to 60 in a heartbeat. Our fourth argument was our last. She told me to take my things and get out.

I love her, and when I told her so many times, she would respond the same. I love her more than I can explain in words. I'm not her ex. I'm nothing like him. I've done things for her that any woman would melt over. She told me on my way out the door that she doesn't want a relationship and never did. She wants to be left alone.

After all the time I invested in us, I was crushed. We are still friends on Facebook. If I text her, she will read it but won't respond. Should I give up and move on, or let her figure her life out and hope she realizes we had something special?

PUSHED ASIDE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PUSHED ASIDE: When a woman with a fuse that goes from zero to 60 in a heartbeat tells you she doesn't want a relationship with you and never did, it's safe to conclude that for the past three years you have been used. Has it occurred to you that the verbal abuser in her past relationship may have been her? PLEASE, for your own sake, take the hint. Look for someone who will appreciate and return the love and kindness you offer. Although you may not think so now, you have just dodged a bullet.

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DEAR ABBY: My little sister and I got along great as kids. We played together a lot, and even when we made new friends and grew different interests, we promised to always have each other's backs.

In high school, I befriended and eventually started dating a girl my family adored, my sister included. After nine years, we have finally become engaged, but now my sister has grown hostile toward us. She never hinted that she disliked my fiancee before, and nobody in our family can get a reason from her.

My mother wants her to be part of our wedding, but with this change in her behavior, I'm not comfortable with the idea. Did I do something wrong? Should I question her to get to the bottom of this?

BAFFLED BROTHER

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR BAFFLED: Definitely do that. If you approach it privately, your sister may be more comfortable answering you honestly. It may be she's afraid of losing the close relationship she has enjoyed with you all these years. If that's the case, you may be able to reassure her. If it's something else she might be reluctant to discuss in the presence of other relatives, talking one-on-one will better your chances of getting her to disclose what's bothering her.

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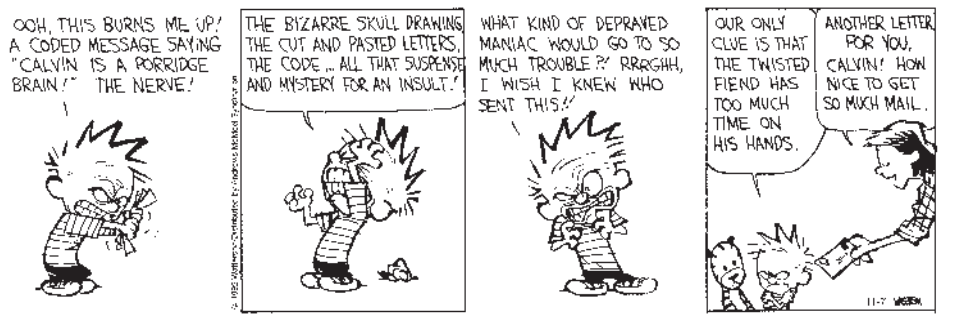
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

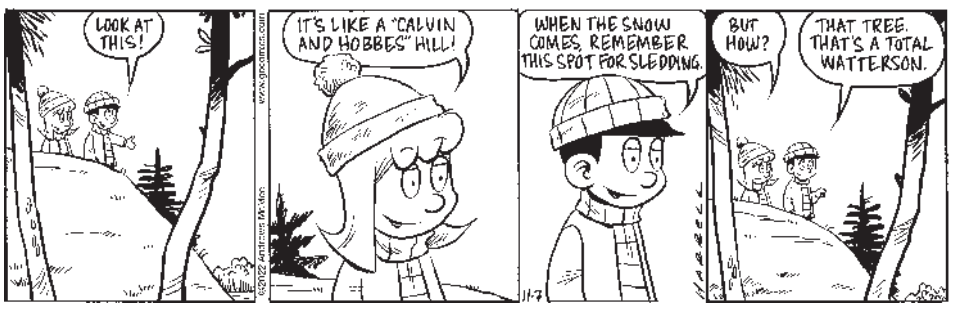

OOH, THIS BURNS ME UP! A CODED MESSAGE SAYING "CALVIN IS A PORRIDGE BRAIN!" THE NERVE!
THE BIZARRE SKULL DRAWING, THE CUT AND PASTED LETTERS, THE CODE... ALL THAT SUSPENSE AND MYSTERY FOR AN INSULT!
WHAT KIND OF DEPRAVED MANIAC WOULD GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE?! RRRGHH, I WISH I KNEW WHO SENT THIS!!
OUR ONLY CLUE IS THAT THE TWISTED FIEND HAS TOO MUCH TIME ON HIS HANDS.
ANOTHER LETTER FOR YOU, CALVIN! HOW NICE TO GET SO MUCH MAIL.
11-7

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


LOOK AT THIS!
IT'S LIKE A "CALVIN AND HOBBES" HILL!
WHEN THE SNOW COMES, REMEMBER THIS SPOT FOR SLEDDING.
BUT HOW?
THAT TREE. THAT'S A TOTAL WATTERSON.
11-7

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Commotion
5 Stanley Cup org.
8 Cygnet's parent
12 "Okay, get ready ..."
14 Gelato holder
15 Obey
16 Intro studio class
17 Music's Yoko
18 Corny bit?
20 Core
23 Lugosi of film
24 Bone-dry
25 Within earshot
28 Stashed
29 Darts about
30 Toss in
32 "Havana" singer Camila
34 Thus
35 Praise
36 From days of yore
37 Consider
40 Docs' org.
41 "Aquarius" musical
42 Reach, as a vacation isle
47 Sea eagle
48 Craved
49 "Sad to say ..."
50 British ref. work
51 Noble Italian family

DOWN

1 — Na Na
2 Toe count
3 Tax-collecting org.
4 Express differently
5 Infamous emperor
6 Elev.
7 Relied on
8 Ornamental beetle
9 Frayed
10 Initial chip
11 Playwright Simon
13 Departed
19 Yale students
20 Taunting laugh
21 Guitarist Clapton
22 Opera set in Egypt
23 Erect
25 Hint at
26 Cooking fat
27 Perimeter
29 Dread
31 Mafia boss
33 Trumpet sounds
34 Pass by
36 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
37 Mother of Zeus
38 British noble
39 Actress Gershon
40 Battery fluid
43 "Thar — blows!"
44 UFO crew
45 Hanoi holiday
46 Poem of praise

Solution time: 26 mins.

A	R	C		B	R	A	T		N	A	R	C
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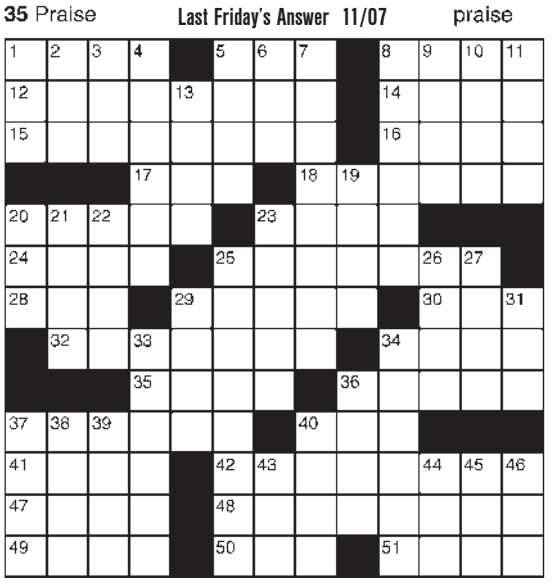
Last Friday's Answer 11/07



STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955**! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lorde, 26; Adam DeVine, 39; David Guetta, 55; Joni Mitchell, 79.

Happy Birthday: You'll have to stay one step ahead of the competition this year if you want to get ahead. Keep your eye on the ball and your money someplace safe. Avoid family feuds and situations that force you to take sides. Make freedom to create and doing your own thing your priorities, and you'll find the path to personal happiness and good fortune. Your numbers are 3, 12, 18, 22, 29, 33, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* An activity that gets your blood flowing will improve your stamina and help you finish what you start. Refuse to let anyone push you in the wrong direction. Question what others do and put your energy to work for you. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Draw on your resources, and you'll discover options to make your life easier. Take care of your responsibilities before you take on tasks that don't belong to you. Strive for perfection and do what's best for you. Personal gain is within reach. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Set your sights on what you want, and don't stop until you are confident you have exhausted every outlet and reached your destination of choice. It's nice to help others, but before you do, help yourself. Protect your reputation and position. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Embrace change, choose to approach life with a positive attitude and share information with others. You will find peace of mind and happiness. Set your mind free from fear and regret by taking the initiative and doing what works best for you. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You'll need discipline and energy to overcome the obstacles you encounter. Refuse to let the changes that take place disrupt your plans. Take precautions to avoid arguments, injury and illness. Learn by observing others, and you'll bypass a mistake. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Go on an adventure, try something new, switch things up and see what develops. Be open to suggestions, but don't let anyone bully you into something that benefits them more than you. Choose the path that brings the highest return. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Take it easy, don't get worked up over trivial matters and pay attention to self-improvement instead of trying to change others. Fitness and personal growth will give you a different perspective regarding what's happening around you. Listen and learn, then utilize what you discover. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take what you've got and do your best. Anger and impulse will get you in trouble. Change doesn't always make things better. Slow down and consider the outcome of your decisions. A creative project will help you relax. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Get your act together, stick to the truth and question anything that doesn't sound right. Take responsibility for your words and actions, and put your energy into something that matters to you. Keep your life simple and your relationships amicable. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Home is where the heart is, and making your space comfortable and convenient will make your place the perfect drop-in center for friends, family and peers. Mixing business with pleasure will ensure that things are done on time. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Take a moment to go over what's happening before you make a move. Understanding the dynamics will enable you to rely on your experience to make wise decisions. Channel your energy and use discipline to surpass your expectations. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Move money around, invest and update documents. Don't waste time arguing with someone if you stand to gain more going about your business and ignoring those with unrealistic expectations. Focus on health, wealth and legal issues. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are accommodating, resourceful and empathetic. You are unpredictable and unique.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

			9		8			
3		7				5		4
	1			5			2	
1			7	3	6			9
		6		9		1		
8			2	1	4			6
	3			2			4	
4		9				8		5
			4		9			

Difficulty Level ★ 11/07

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

9	1	3	5	2	4	6	7	8
2	4	7	3	6	8	9	5	1
6	5	8	1	9	7	2	3	4
4	3	1	6	8	2	7	9	5
7	8	2	4	5	9	3	1	6
5	9	6	7	1	3	8	4	2
1	6	9	8	7	5	4	2	3
8	2	4	9	3	1	5	6	7
3	7	5	2	4	6	1	8	9

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/07

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

MANITOBA'S POLAR BEAR SAFARI **Solution: 8 letters**

A	S	B	U	C	L	S	R	A	E	B	U	G	G	Y
T	D	I	W	I	L	D	D	O	H	P	N	A	L	P
G	S	V	G	A	A	S	H	A	D	O	W	S	S	P
N	S	I	E	H	F	T	B	W	H	I	T	E	A	A
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B	I	A	R	A	R	U	N	S	D	X	E	D	T	E
M	R	P	T	E	S	U	R	G	P	R	I	A	Y	N
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J	C	R	U	S	G	O	D	A	G	R	E	A	T	E
E	L	O	C	D	E	I	R	T	N	O	R	T	H	R
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Last Friday's Answer: Horsepower

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-23-002

Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Beach Road and Chalan Kanoa)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Beach Road and Chalan Kanoa) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the installation of sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **$200.00** for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **October 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-23-002, Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Beach Road and Chalan Kanoa)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 09, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer for Water/Wastewater via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Joel Puyat, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at joel.puyat@cuc-gov.org and Ms. Christie L. Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Senior Administrative Technician via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
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PUBLIC NOTICE

10/27/2022

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: (670) 234-9447/6866

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after November 14, 2022, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington D.C., for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 P.L. 116-20, enacted on January 27, 2020, announced via Federal Register Notice, to undertake the following activity and purposes in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Project Activity/Type:
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Underground Service to Critical Loads Project

The CUC proposes to construct an underground primary powerline to power electric service for various critical loads to assure loads maintain electric service during extreme weather events. The project is to connect underground electric services as a primary line to the Tinian Elementary School and Head Start Kindergarten, Social Hall, Tinian Health Center, Tinian Department of Public Safety, Tinian Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Tinian Court House, Tinian High School, Bank of Guam, Tinian Commerce, Tinian Gymnasium and Tinian Civic Center.

Purpose:
The effects of typhoon Yutu reflected the need for a secure and consistent power supply to critical needs of the island. The devastation caused delays in basic infrastructure necessities of power and water for the island residents. One way to eliminate timely assistance is to provide critical power to strategically service oriented locations that will assist the island quickly after a severe weather events. This project will lessen the impact recovery of the island to a more manageable control with the basic need of utilities to need of the residents.

Location:
Tinian, MP 96952

Total Project Cost:
$11,332,693.00 in CDBG-DR funding
No other funding sources were identified

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has determined that the above-listed projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and is ready for public viewing on the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) website at www.nmhcgov.net or www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com; or you may visit the on file at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan or NMHC CDBG-DR Office in Beach Road Chalan Laulau, Saipan during regular working hours, Monday through Friday except CNMI Holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. You may submit comments from the following options: Via mail to P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Direct delivery to the central office in Garapan, Saipan or drop-box located in front of the building; and Via email at nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp. All comments received by **November 14, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**, will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Washington D.C. that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Governor Ralph DLG. Torres consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Washington D.C. acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Washington D.C. will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands certification for a period of **fifteen days** following anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to Ms. Tennille Smith Parker, DRSI Division Director, HUD, via email at Tennille.S.Parker@hud.gov ; Tel: (202)402-4649. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

/s/
Ralph DLG Torres
Governor, CNMI

Ivarez blasts Baker, Astros to World Series title vs Phils

HOUSTON (AP)—Yordan Alvarez hit a towering, go-ahead homer and the Houston Astros clinched their second World Series title in six seasons and got Dusty Baker his first crown as a manager, beating the Philadelphia Phillies 4-1 in Game 6 on Saturday night.

Alvarez blasted a three-run drive in the sixth inning immediately after Phillies starter Zack Wheeler was pulled with a 1-0 lead. As Alvarez's 450-foot drive disappeared, Astros starter Framber Valdez jumped and wildly screamed in the dugout as fans in the crowd of 42,948 went into a frenzy waving their orange rally towels.

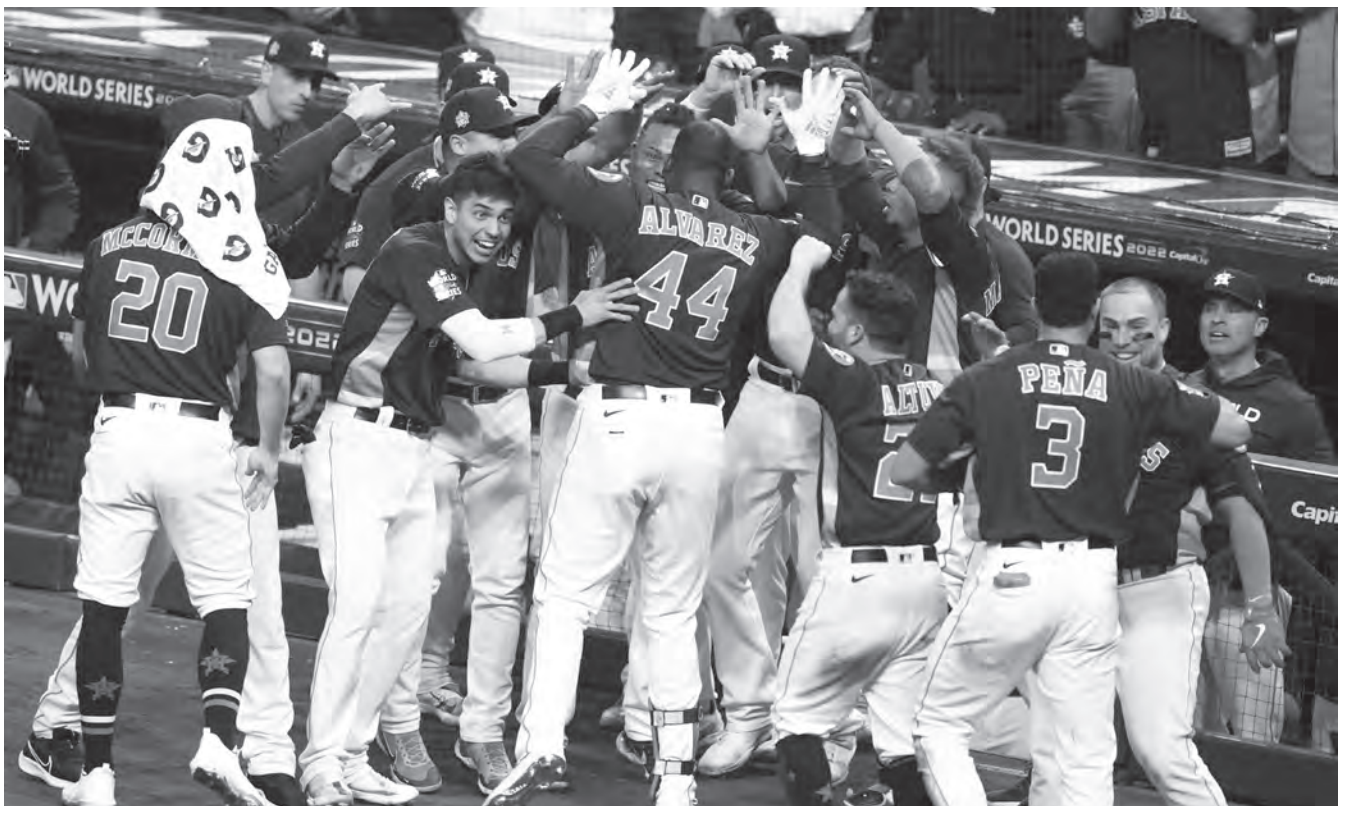
"When I was rounding second base, I felt the whole stadium moving," Alvarez said through a translator.

Baker finally got his first title in his 25th season as a manager, the past three since being hired by the Astros to help the team regain credibility after the sign-stealing scandal that cost manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow their jobs, and made Houston the most reviled team in baseball.

The 73-year-old Baker, who had been to the World Series twice before as a skipper, is the oldest championship manager in any of the four major North American sports. It came 20 years after a near-miss, when came within five outs of winning the championship while guiding the San Francisco Giants.

"What's next? I said if I win one, I want to win two," Baker said afterward.

Houston's coaching and training staffs circled around Baker after Nick Castellanos flied out to end it, jumping up and down, and chanting "Dusty! Dusty! Dusty!" in the dugout before they joined the players on the field.



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The Houston Astros celebrate their 4-1 World Series win against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, in Houston.

Astros rookie shortstop Jeremy Peña was the World Series MVP after getting another key hit, a single to set up Alvarez's drive.

The 25-year-old star born in the Dominican Republic also won a Gold Glove award and AL Championship Series MVP — Peña is the first hitter to win those three awards in a career, and he did it all in his first season, per OptaSTATS.

Alvarez's homer cleared the batter's eye in straightaway center, the backdrop that extends 40 feet above the field. It was the first time the Cuban slugger connected since the first two games this postseason.

"This time what I did, I just tried to stay a little bit calm, select a good pitch to swing at," he said. "And that's what I did."

Christian Vázquez added an RBI single later in the inning to make it 4-1.

Valdez earned his second win of this Series. He had been in the dugout only a few minutes after throwing his 93rd and final pitch while striking out nine over six innings.

But the lefty had walked off the mound with the wild-card Phillies up 1-0 on Kyle Schwarber's homer leading off the sixth.

Schwarber, who hit his third homer in the past four games, rounded the bases waving his raised empty hand in the same motion as the fans with their towels.

But by the time Schwarber batted in the eighth, the NL's home run leader was reduced to bunting, trying for a hit to stir a dormant Phillies offense. His bunt went foul with two strikes, resulting in a strikeout.

In the sixth, Houston got two runners on base against Wheeler for the first time in the game, when Martín Maldonado was hit by a pitch, Jose Altuve grounded into a force-out and Peña singled.

Phillies manager Rob Thomson went to left-handed reliever José Alvarado to face the lefty slugger for the fourth time in the series — Alvarez had popped out twice and been hit by a pitch the first three times.

"I thought Wheels still had really good stuff. It wasn't about that. It was just I thought the matchup was better with Alvarado on Alvarez at that time," Thomson said.

And Alvarado had allowed only three homers to lefty hitters in his six big league seasons, until his 2-1 pitch, when Alvarez crushed the 99 mph sinker.

"It's kind of a dirty inning and I thought, I mean, going into the series it was always kind of Alvarado on Alvarez," Thomson said. "It was the sixth inning and I felt like the normal back end of the bullpen guys could get through it."

Alvarez hadn't homered since Game 2 of the AL Division Series against Seattle, when his two-run shot in the sixth inning put them up to stay. That came after his game-ending, three-run shot in Game 1 for an 8-7 win.

Houston won an American League-best 106 games and reached its fourth World Series during a span in which it made it to the AL Championship Series six seasons in a row. The Astros made their only other World Series appearance in 2005, while still in the National League, and were swept in four games by the Chicago White Sox.

This was their third ALCS and second consecutive World Series since former Astros pitcher Mike Fiers revealed after the 2019 season, when he had gone from Houston for two years since being part of their 2017 championship, that the team had used a camera in center field to steal signs and signal hitters on which pitches to expect by banging on a garbage can.

Philadelphia was 22-29 when Joe Girardi was fired in early June and replaced by bench coach Thomson, the 59-year-old baseball lifer getting his first chance a big league manager — he was on the Yankees big league staff for 10 seasons with Girardi, and was part of their last World Series and title in 2009.

The Phillies finished the regular season 65-46 under Thomson, their 87 wins good for the sixth and final spot in the NL playoffs, on the way to their first World Series since 2009.

Valdez became the only lefthander other than Sandy Koufax in 1963 to strike out five consecutive batters in a World Series game. He fanned the side in the third, then Bryce Harper swung and missed a 97 mph sinker to start the fourth before Castellanos' 10-pitch at-bat that ended with him taking a 96 mph pitch on the inside corner — and clearly disagreeing with home plate umpire Lance Barksdale.

When Wheeler was on the mound in between that, he broke at least three Houston bats in the bottom of the third, and had to make one play while a shattered bat flew over his head and around him. The barrel of Chas McCormick's bat landed short of second base and then slid all the way to the outfield grass.

After midseason addition Trey Mancini singled for his first career postseason hit, a pitch after having to change bats, McCormick's second bat of the plate appearance was shattered at the handle by a 97 mph sinker, with the barrel finally landing short of second base and then sliding to the edge of the outfield grass. Wheeler made the play, and threw to second baseman Jean Segura for the force with the bat still moving between him and Mancini running toward the base.

Wheeler gave up three doubles and two runs in his first four pitches in losing Game 2. His first four pitches a week later resulted in a strikeout of Altuve, and the right-hander matched a career best needing only seven pitches to get out of the first inning.

Wheeler finished with 70 pitches, allowing two runs on three hits over 5 1/3 innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Without Giannis, Bucks beat Thunder 108-94 for 9-0 start

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Brook Lopez scored 25 points and the Milwaukee Bucks extended their season-opening winning streak to a franchise record nine games with Giannis Antetokounmpo on the bench, beating the Oklahoma City Thunder 108-94 Saturday night.

Antetokounmpo sat out for the first time this season. He was listed as "questionable" with left knee soreness after recording his first triple-double of the season a night earlier in Minnesota. He did not go through warmups ahead of the game, and head coach Mike Budenholzer said before that game that the league's second-leading scorer at 32.6 points per game would get the night off.

Kings 126, Magic 123, OT

In Orlando, Fla., De'Aaron Fox beat the buzzer from just inside halfcourt to give Sacramento an overtime victory against Orlando after the Kings wiped out a 20-point deficit in the third quarter.

Fox's 37 points included the first six in overtime. The Kings needed three more at the end after throwing away a pass in the backcourt with 6.6 seconds left, allowing the Magic's Chuma Okeke to tie the game with a dunk.

Fox then dribbled the ball up and launched his shot with his feet inside the Magic logo at center court, a shot that was officially listed at 31 feet.

Celtics 133, Knicks 118

In New York, Jaylen Brown scored 30 points, Jayson Tatum added 26 and Boston made a franchise-record 27 3-pointers in a victory over New York.

Nets 98, Hornets 94

In Charlotte, N.C., Kevin Durant scored 27 points and Brooklyn erased a double-digit deficit in the fourth quarter to beat short-handed Charlotte, improving to 2-0 since Kyrie Irving's suspension.

Cam Thomas added 21 points for the Nets and Nic Claxton had 11 points and nine rebounds.

Hawks 124, Pelicans 121, OT

In Atlanta, Dejounte Murray had 22 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, Trae Young added 34 points and 10 assists, and Atlanta beat New Orleans.

Clint Capela added 21 points and 19 rebounds for Atlanta, which improved to 6-3 with its second straight win.

The Pelicans dropped to 5-4 and already have three overtime losses in the first three weeks of the season.

Timberwolves 129, Rockets 117

In Minneapolis, Karl-Anthony Towns scored 10 of his 25 points in the third quarter and Anthony Edwards added 19 points as Minnesota cruised past Houston.

Playing without center Rudy Gobert, who was placed into the league's health and safety protocols earlier in the day, Minnesota snapped a three-game losing streak. Kyle Anderson had 16 points while starting for Gobert.

Suns 102, Trail Blazers 82

In Phoenix, Devin Booker scored 24 points, Chris Paul added 15 and Phoenix cruised past Portland.

The teams were playing each other for the second straight night. The Blazers won 108-106 on Friday when Jerami Grant hit a baseline jumper at the buzzer.

Nuggets 126, purs 101

In Denver, Bones Hyland scored 24 points, Nikola Jokic added 21 and Denver shot over 60% from the field in a win over San Antonio.

Michael Porter Jr. added 15 points and Jamal Murray chipped in 13 for the Nuggets, who shot 53 of 87 (60.9%) and remained unbeaten in four games at home this season.

Little League general membership meeting on Nov. 12

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Saipan Little League Baseball held a meeting last Oct. 15 at the Department of Public Worls conference room in Oleai to discuss the 2023 SLLB season.

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Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. is calling on all team managers, coaches, and volunteers to attend a mandatory meeting at 9am on Nov. 12 at the Department of Public Works' 2nd floor conference room in Oleai.

"Interested individuals in coaching for the 2023 season to please come and attend this important meeting," according to SLLBI's Frank Ada.

Future plans will be set for the upcoming 2023 Saipan Little League Baseball season, such as what month to open the season, what teams will be competing and number of teams, and the age brackets for the Minors, Majors, Juniors, and Seniors.

Last Oct. 15, a meeting was called for the same purpose and to elect new board members, but due to not having enough people in attendance, the meeting was rescheduled.

Those who attended the last meeting were acting president A.J. Murig, treasurer Annie Flores, Frank Ada, coaches George Camacho, Tony Camacho, Chel Castro, and Derron Flores.

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versus MHS, then the last regular season games are MCS against SSHS and MHS against SIS.

The championship is set for Nov. 29 for the battle for third place and Dec. 1 for gold.

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"He is ready for competition in the states."

Jovic Tuquero placed second and Ralph Adrian Villes placed third, respectively, in the short classic physique category.

In the short men's physique category, Shawn Fleming won second place and Tuquero placed third.

In other results, the teen's physique category was won by Mark Lagado, with Darren Tabora in second place.

The tall men's physique category first place went to Daniel Matsunaga, second went to Richard Waldo Jr., and third went to Jolo Berueco.

The tall classic physique first place went to Matsunaga, followed by Ferdinand Jun Lagmay and then Jolo Berueco.

The bantamweight bodybuilding first place went to Jovic Tuquero and the lightweight first place went to Ferdinand Jun Lagmay, who were both the only competitors in their respective categories.

The sponsors for the Saipan event include Megabyte of Saipan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Marianas Visitors Authority, Gold's Gym, Latte Built Gym, Saipan World Resort, Rozelle Printing, Top Notch, Power 99, Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts, Foremost, Island Touch by Philip, and Coca-Cola Beverage Micronesia.

Results of the other categories of the 2022 Dee Clayton Classic will be published in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

LEIGH GASES

The classic physique category competitors, from left, Jolo Berueco, Ferdinand Jun Lagmay, Daniel Matsunaga, Javin Okawa, Jovic Tuquero, and Ralph Adrian Villas pose for the judges during last Saturday's 2022 Dee Clayton Classic at the Saipan World Resort.

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games played.

Despite the rain delay, the home crowd showed up and kept the cheers coming as the game went underway with the women's doubles games first, followed by the men's doubles, then the mixed doubles. Each match had two games each, with the best two out of three games to 11 points in which they won the game by 2 points.

NMI's Elisha Chelsea Henzon and Karen Klassen drew first blood against Odette Taylor and Miya Taylor to gain the first point of the tournament for Team NMI. In the end, PFNMI president and coach Dr. Nelson Krum clinched the title for the team in his last win of the game.

NMI player Donn Dunlop told *Saipan Tribune* Krum's "last point was the one that [sealed] the deal for us, so not only was this his brainchild, this whole Marianas Cup, but he just won the cup for us. Our match didn't matter, he had already won so many points so he clinched the cup with his wins..."

When asked how it was playing against Guam players, Dunlop said that "they were such solid players. We knew the 12 players were going to be tough that they were bringing, and they were just really, really good. Somehow, I think maybe we won them because the venue is ours and we have home court. The crowd is great—look at the parking lot, it's full. We have all this food and all these drinks; a lot of support from a lot of sponsors. We're just so stoked that so many people are getting out and playing this game and exercising. We just love it."

With the tournament experience, Krum said, "Saipan gets to keep the cup until next year. It was great competition and a lot of fun with the people from Guam and we just came out on top this time. Blame it on home field advantage." He also said that "we were out here playing every night. But we had practice for about a month leading up to today."

Henzon, NMI's youngest player at 15 years old and who just started playing pickleball in July of this year, said of the tournament, "I love the style format; we finally get something really competitive and it brings out the best in people. I'm really excited for next year's tournament, which I think Guam will be hosting."

LEIGH GASES

The CNMI's Karen Klassen, left, and Chelsea Henzon battle Guam's Miya Taylor and Odette Taylor in the women's doubles during the first Marianas Cup Pickleball Tournament last Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

When asked how it was playing against Guam players, she said, "It was really fun. They played really well, but we just played better."

Guam's 15-year-old player, Ayana Nakagawa said "it's been really fun. I think we definitely could have won a few more of them. But it's been really good games, really good matchups...Competition here is so fun. It's fun being able to play with new players because playing on Guam, you only get to play with the same people. So, it's nice seeing other people's skills and how they hit."

Another Guam player, Wiliam Josler, said, "the competition is steep. The Saipan players are very talented. And so, I think that we competed well, but we weren't able to push it over the top... we have this one tournament under our belt so we know what it feels like to play and to compete. Everyone was very nervous coming here. We're going to go back and practice hard and... practice better for the next tournament."

Aside from Dunlop, Henzon, and Krum, the NMI team also includes Karen Klassen, Mimi Zhang, Nicky Nichols, Roy Pangelinan, Merle Byrd, Mary Rose Alvarez, Eric Abragan, Marivic Dunlop, and Erin Dean.

Their challengers from Guam, which include the aforementioned Josler and Nakagawa, are Derick Alcorn, Tomi Castillo, Albert Manansala, Aubrey Owens, Miya Taylor, Jhun Pulongbarit, Odette Taylor, Siobohn McManus, Mao Nagahashi, and Nate Santos.

If you have any questions about the PFNMI, call or text Krum at 670-789-8201, or email @ nelsonkrum@msn.com. Let him know if you would like to be added to the Pickleball CNMI Group Chat on WhatsApp.

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2 overall championships for Okawa

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Javin Okawa successfully defended his men's physique overall championship title and added the classic physique overall championship in last Saturday's 2022 Dee Clayton Classic at the Saipan World Resort.

2022 DEE CLAYTON CLASSIC
& Northern Marianas Bodybuilding Physique Federation

The 25-year-old Brabu Pharmacy staff bested eight competitors in the men's physique, after being judged by Jonas Barcinas, Dan Chase, Jerome Diyco, Joshua Cantara, and Runnel Balecha, and also topped the overall category and claimed first place in the short category against two other competitors.

In the classic physique category, which he debuted in 2019, he placed first against three contestants and also claimed the overall category against six competitors.

LEIGH GASES
Javin Okawa poses for the judges during the 2022 Dee Clayton Classic last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall. The 25-year-old Brabu Pharmacy staff came away with the men's physique overall championship and the classic physique overall championship.

The six-year bodybuilding veteran said on his two overall wins that he was "surprised and grateful. I didn't expect that we could win two overall… I was actually surprised that I was able to take both."

With this competition as a pre-judging and prelude for the 2023 Pacific Games in Honoria, Solomon Islands, he said "I'm excited that I made it to qualify and be able to represent us next year in Solomon, so I'm relieved that the training and suffering I went through finally paid off."

"This is something I enjoy doing. It's like a stress reliever. So, I compete basically just for fun and [it] also helped me reach my physique goals."

Even with him saying he competes for fun, Dee Clayton Classic president Dee Clayton said in an interview after the event that you can see who competes to win, to have fun, or just for the experience, but that Okawa came to win.

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NMI wins 1st Marianas Cup Pickleball Tournament

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The daily practices and home court advantage secured the Marianas Cup for the NMI in the Inaugural Marianas Cup Pickleball Tournament against Guam held last Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

The Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands team defeated Pickleball Guam Association, 11-1, after 12 matches in a best-two-out-of-three format, with NMI winning 23 games out of 29

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Team NMI players are all smiles after beating Guam in the Inaugural Marianas Cup Pickleball Tournament held last Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts. Standing from left, Roy Pangelinan, Erin Dean, Dr. Nelson Krum, Nicky Nichols, Eric Abragan, and Donn Dunlop. Sitting from left, Karen Klassen, Chelsea Henzon, Mary Rose Alvarez, Marivic Dunlop, Mimi Zhang, and Merle Byrd.

SIS and SSHS boys soccer ends in draw

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Saipan International School Geckos and Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays ended their match in a 1-1 draw last Thursday in the NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League opener at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

SSHS' Mark Patubo took control of the ball in the second minute for the first and only goal for the team, with Ian Song of SIS jamming their goal 33 minutes in.

Both teams were unable to break the stalemate as the shot clock wound down to zero with just one goal each on the board.

In the second game of the day, the Mount Carmel School Knights won over Marianas High School Dolphins Junior Varsity via forfeit, 3-0.

LEIGH GASES
Ras Andon from Saipan Southern High School, left, goes against a Saipan International School player in the NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League opener last Thursday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

For this season, four varsity teams are vying for high school soccer gold, with the Knights currently at one win, SSHS and SIS with a draw each, and MHS yet to play. MHS JV is at one loss.

The schedule for the rest of the season continues on Nov. 10 with MCS versus MHS and MHS JV versus SSHS. On Nov. 15, MHS will challenge its JV team, followed by SIS versus MCS. On Nov. 17, it's SIS versus MHS JV and SSHS

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